

W.P.B. CALLS 31 LABOR-MANAGEMENT CONFERENCES

New York Parley Opens Tuesday

WPB Officials Assure Steps to Correct Failure to Notify Unions

By Eric Bert

Thirty-one regional conferences of labor and management, to be held throughout the country during the next two weeks, were called yesterday by Donald M. Nelson, War Production head. The conferences are expected to spur the victory production program and to reach goals considerably beyond present levels.

The first series of conferences will include 2,000 prime contractors engaged in the production of guns, ships, planes, tanks, and machine tools. The campaign, which will be extended later to include sub-contracting plants, will embrace every war factory and every war worker in the country.

New York's production drive conference will be held on two separate days, the first tomorrow and the other a week later. The two-day meeting was found necessary due to the large attendance expected.

Eight hundred representatives of labor and of management are expected to attend the New York meeting which will be held in the auditorium of the Engineering Societies Building at 29 W. 39th St. The meeting will run from 10 A. M. to 5 P. M.

Preparations for the New York conference were marred by failure to notify the unions concerned. Local WPB officials admitted this was a "serious oversight," and stated they are taking steps to correct the situation.

LABOR REPRESENTED

In some instances labor union officials were informed of the conference only through members of the union who, in turn, had received notification of it from the plant management.

Despite the absence of proper notification labor will be fully represented at the conferences, according to Saul Mills, secretary-treasurer of the Greater New York Industrial Union Council.

"This is the type of conference that labor has been urging for several months. We are glad that Mr. Nelson and the WPB have called it. We trust that the failure to notify labor properly has been an oversight," he stated.

"There will be a full and proper labor representation at the conference. Full appreciation of labor's role will bring beneficial results in the war production effort."

In efforts to correct the failure to notify the unions WPB officials have stated that labor representation should properly include not only representatives from the plants concerned, but from the international unions whose members are embraced in the production drive, as well as from the central bodies in the area.

Donald M. Nelson and the War Production Board will be represented at the New York meeting by labor and management consultants. The labor consultants will be Henry I. Adams of the CIO-United Textile Workers of Philadelphia, and Norman Blumberg of the Philadelphia AFL-Building Trades Council. The management consultant will be Morris M. Davidson, Rutgers University Director of the Placement and Personnel Bureau.

WPB representatives will be sent to each of the 31 conferences to explain how the objectives of the production drive may be achieved. Nelson has made plain that the WPB objective is to top the goals set by President Roosevelt.

Experience gained in the setting up of 23 joint labor-management committees in scattered plants throughout the nation will be utilized in the coming conferences.

The schedule of the 31 Regional Conferences follows: Atlanta, Ga., March 23; Baltimore, Md., March 20; Birmingham, Ala., March 24; Boston, Mass., March 17; Buffalo, N. Y., March 19; Chicago, Ill., March 19; Cincinnati, Ohio, March 23; Cleveland, Ohio, March 23; Dallas, Tex., March 26; Denver, Colo., March 27; Detroit, Mich., March 24; Hartford Conn., March 19; Houston, Tex., March 25; Indianapolis, Ind., March 20; Kansas City, Mo., March 23; Los Angeles, Cal., March 23; Milwaukee, Wis., March 18; Minneapolis, Minn., March 27; Newark, N. J., March 18; New York, N. Y., March 17 and 24; Philadelphia, Pa., March 19 and 26; Pittsburgh, Pa., March 18; Portland, Ore., March 26; Providence, R. I., March 20; San Francisco, Cal., March 24; Seattle, Wash., March 27; Springfield, Mass., March 18; St. Louis, Mo., March 20; Toledo, Ohio, March 25.

Senate to Hear Charges Of Resigned WPB Men

Officials Declare Textile Firms Opposed War Conversion, Aid to USSR

United States Senator James M. Mead, D., N. Y., said today he would ask the Senate Committee investigating defense contracts to "explore" the resignation of three top executives of the War Production Board's textile, clothing and leather goods division.

Robert Guthrie, Division Chief, George F. Doherty, his executive assistant, and Marshall Hale, Jr., Deputy Chief, announced their resignations yesterday, charging that representatives of the industry had blocked the WPB program for converting their plants to war production.

"I am going to bring the matter before the Senate Committee investigating defense contracts tomorrow morning," Mead said in a statement issued here today. "There must be two sides to the story but nothing should be allowed to interfere with the war effort, and I shall request the chairman of our Truman Committee to explore the situation."

The resigned officials submitted their resignations to WPB Chief Donald M. Nelson and later met reporters to explain their reasons for quitting.

The officials told reporters that industrial representatives, "both within and without the WPB," had consistently blocked efforts to convert the dye, cotton, nylon, woolen and other industries to a wartime basis through rationing, freeze orders and priorities.

In addition, they said, industry representatives were opposed to shipments of rayon to South and Central America and to the speed-

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CHINA TROOPS RUSH TO BURMA; RED ARMY CLOSES ON VYAZMA

The Axis Open Forum In the U.S.

Ninety-five outright pro-Axis publications with a circulation of several millions are being published in the United States day in and day out, with their attack aimed at the nation's growing consciousness of the need for an all-out offensive against the enemy!

Read the story on page 3 in today's issue, by John Meldon, Daily Worker staff writer.

Unionists in 5 States Say 'Free Browder'

Six More Ministers Send Pleas to President

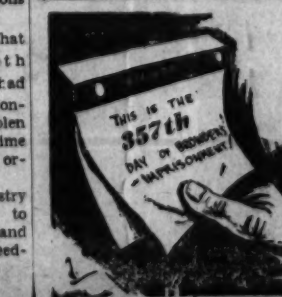
Trade union officials in Pennsylvania, Oregon, New York, Connecticut, Washington, Iowa, New Jersey and Missouri have advised the Citizens' Committee to Free Earl Browder that they have joined the more than 2,000 labor officials throughout the country in petitioning the President of the United States for the freedom of Earl Browder, imprisoned anti-fascist.

The petitions from the labor officials to President Roosevelt were in form of individual letters which stated that while they do not identify themselves with the political views of Mr. Browder, they are "firmly convinced that the sentence imposed upon him was far too severe, as the charge was of a purely technical nature, not involving, according to the Government, any question of moral turpitude."

LABOR OFFICIALS

The following labor officials addressed themselves to President Roosevelt on behalf of Earl Browder: Dan Flanagan, President, Sioux City, Ia.; Industrial Union Council and Vice-President, Iowa and Nebraska Industrial Union Councils; Jeff Woods, member, Executive Board, Sioux City, Ia.; Packinghouse Workers Union, Sioux City, Ia.; Sidney Eide, Vice-President, Sioux City Industrial Union Council, Sioux City, Ia.; Frank Dimmick, Business Agent, International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union.

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Liberation Is Near For Kharkov, Says Soviet Paper

DESCRIBES TERROR 1,300 Nazis Killed in One Battle on Central Front

MOSCOW, March 15 (UP).—Kharkov's "hour of liberation is near," the army newspaper Red Star said today, describing the Ukrainian city of 850,000 as one vast charnel house where disease and starvation stalk uncured and countless thousands of Russians have been executed, imprisoned or deported.

Other Soviet reports told of a Soviet offensive continuing unabated, with the heaviest fighting on the southern front where numerous successful actions evidently inspired the claim that the liberation of Kharkov was near.

Moscow radio said that in the Smolensk area the Red Army was closing a ring around Vyazma. Another strongly fortified German position in that region was recaptured and 1,300 Germans killed.

Another broadcast said three villages were reclaimed in fierce fighting on the northwestern front. A dispatch from the southwestern front said that between March 7 and 12 the Russians captured 45 guns, 40 trench mortars, 8,000,000 cartridges, 18 ammunition dumps, 14 food caches, 10 radio stations and other material.

Admittedly the Germans were counter-attacking more intensively and generally in the Ukraine in a desperate effort to hold on to vital positions in the Donets basin and the region lying westward to the Dnieper River.

At the same time the Red Army stepped up its operations, as emphasized by one report that Soviet artillery had laid down the heaviest barrage yet employed in a southern sector.

The Soviet high command reported that Polish guerrillas had blown up a German train laden with war supplies.

The Red Star report on Kharkov said the Germans had converted it into a city of "incredible misery and horrors." Hardly a day goes by there without the guerrillas bombing German billets, staff headquarters and hotels.

"They have transformed the basement of the Hotel Internationale into death cells and execution chambers, where more than 1,200 persons now are awaiting death," the newspaper said.

"Persons swollen from hunger and staggering under the weight of their burden earn a pittance of food. The dead are picked up daily from the streets, while families are burying their own dead in courtyards for lack of other facilities."

"The Germans expelled all Russians who went to Kharkov after 1936. About 25,000 half-starved and frozen people found some refuge in the environs, while the Germans

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U. S. Pilots See Action in Australia. This crew of a giant Flying Fortress is leaving the plane after a successful raid on enemy objectives. Men like these, smiling and alert, have recently landed in Australia as part of an American AEF to the Far Eastern theatre of war.

Michigan Slavs Adopt Militant War-by-Offensive Program

Auto Union Head Hits Production Lag Workers Feel Employers Are Not Exerting Enough Effort

CHICAGO, March 15 (UP).—R. J. Thomas, president of the United Automobile Workers (CIO), said today that the majority of auto workers engaged in defense work feel that management is not exerting all possible efforts for war production.

Basing his statement on results of a survey taken among 10,000 UAW members, Thomas told the

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British Destroy Two German E-Boats

LONDON, March 15 (UP).—British naval forces destroyed two German "E" boats (motor torpedo boats) in an English channel engagement yesterday and suffered no casualties and only superficial damage themselves, the Admiralty announced in a communique today.

One E-boat was said to have been sunk while the other caught fire and exploded.

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Meeting Is Preparatory to All-American Slav Congress in April

By William Allan (Special to the Daily Worker)

DETROIT, Mich., March 15.—Pledging support to a win-the-war offensive policy at the front and on the production line, 300 delegates in attendance at the Michigan All-Slav Congress here, speaking for one million Slavs in the State, today laid down an unprecedented pattern of solidarity and unity that will strengthen immeasurably the preparations for the All-American Slav Congress to be held here April 25-26.

Poles, Russians, Czechs, Slovaks, Serbs, Croatians, Slovenians, Montenegrins, Carpathians and Macedonians all cemented a firm and lasting unity in the struggle to smash the Axis as the only way that freedom and independence can be won for the Slavs and all people throughout the world.

Keynoting the gathering was A. A. Kosciuszko, president of the Polish-American Council, composed of 100 Polish organizations in Detroit, who in his opening remarks said:

"If the world wants to know what the Slavs are doing to win the war, we could refer them to no better illustration than that of the great and magnificent struggle of

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U. S. and India To Exchange Ministers

Louis Johnson Named As First American Envoy

NEW DELHI, March 15 (UP).—The United States and India have agreed to exchange ministers, with Louis Johnson, who only a week ago was appointed chairman of an advisory mission to India, as the first United States minister, it was learned today.

Johnson, former Assistant Secretary of War, was expected to arrive here in about three weeks. R. M. Wilson, who last year became the first United States Commissioner to India, has been recalled to Washington.

Observers believed it significant that the United States in exchanging ministers placed India on the same diplomatic plane as the four British Dominions—Canada, Australia, New Zealand and the Union of South Africa.

INDIA YOUTH SENDS GREETINGS TO YOUTH HERE

NEW DELHI, March 15 (UP).—The Indian Youth Federation today sent greetings to American youth on the occasion of the observation in New York of India-China Friendship Day, a new holiday established when Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek visited India.

The message included congratulations to Gen. Douglas MacArthur and his forces fighting the Japanese in the Philippines.

'No News,' Says War Department For Second Day

WASHINGTON, March 15 (UP).—For the second consecutive day the War Department reported "no news" today and failed to issue a communique.

The War Department's last communique was at 9:30 A. M., Friday. It told of an attack by five army Flying Fortresses on Japanese-held airbases at Salamaua and Lae in New Guinea during which five enemy planes were shot down.

There has been no report of any action in the Philippines since last Monday when "some brisk skirmishes" were reported from the Digos Region on Davao Gulf.

British and Chinese Lines Joined to Stem Attack

U. S. PLANES AID

Heavy Reinforcements From America Are Now in India

CALCUTTA, March 15 (UP).—More thousands of crack American-armed Chinese troops are pouring into northern and central Burma and British planes have unleashed an offensive against the Japanese swarming across abandoned south Burma on foot, in trucks and even in canoes, it was announced today.

The British and Chinese have now joined forces along their new lines and "operations are proceeding satisfactorily," according to a communique from Mandalay covering events up to 8 P. M. Saturday.

The main Japanese force is still contained in south Burma, the communique said, and "no fighting." There were no reports of large-scale ground action anywhere in the Burma theater.

"Our forces are rested, reorganized and ready to take on the enemy again," the communique said.

Japanese air raids on two towns in upper Burma and the Shan states where the Chinese are concentrated were "without incident," and no damage was caused, the communique concluded.

U. S. PLANES ARRIVE IN INDIA

NEW DELHI, March 15 (UP).—Air Marshal Sir Richard E. C. Peirse, RAF commander in India, announced today that very large United States air reinforcements were pouring into India to launch an aerial offensive which eventually would strike at the home islands of Japan.

To operate these planes, including many of the latest types, he disclosed, American staff officers have set up their own air headquarters in India.

More and more British warplanes also are arriving, the new commander said in his first press conference since his appointment was announced March 4.

(The All-India Radio, heard by the Columbia Broadcasting System listening post in New York, quoted Peirse as saying the American Volunteer group and the RAF had destroyed 300 Japanese planes in Burma with a loss of 43 of their own.

"Aircraft for aircraft," he said, "the British and American are superior to the Japanese. Man for man, I don't think we have any fear of the enemy. . . . I don't think we can win anything like equal terms, we can shoot him from the skies. And he knows it too."

"We are not going to be content," he said, "to put up an umbrella and sit underneath it in wall for the enemy to come to attack us. We are going to carry the war into the enemy's country, into Japan."

For the proposed blows from the air on Japan's home territory, he believed it inevitable that the Allies would use Chinese or Russian bases.

"I can tell you," he declared, "that the circumstances of our air forces today are infinitely better than when the Burmese campaign opened."

The situation in Burma "was very different from that in the southwest Pacific zone," he added, "because in Burma we had been able to gain air superiority from the start."

Since his arrival in India, he said, "we have elaborated very carefully plans for defense and offense. That does not mean plans have just started. Aircraft have been coming into the country for a long time and plans have existed, but now they have been elaborated."

The first task of the growing allied air forces, observers pointed out, would be to resist attacks from the Japanese land and air forces surging toward the Indian frontier in Burma and the Japanese warships fanning out across the Indian Ocean.

St. Patrick's Day Tomorrow the Daily Worker will carry special articles commemorating St. Patrick's Day.

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Losses of Trapped Nazi 16th Army Now Total 26,000

Soviets Describe Failure to Supply Encircled Troops with Food

(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)
MOSCOW, March 15.—Nazi losses in the ever-contracting circle at Staraya Russa, where the 16th German Army has been trapped for three weeks, have reached a total of at least 26,000 men, the Soviet Information Bureau reported today. Continuing to hammer away at the encircled Nazis, the Red Army has liberated 84 inhabited points from the Nazi occupationists since the battle started, the report declared.

The Soviet information service illustrated the desperate lengths that the Nazis are resorting to in an effort to supply the trapped army by citing the case of one Nazi supply plane which attempted to fly in supplies all the way from Vienna.

TWO TONS OF FOOD
The plane took off from Vienna under command of Nazi pilot Gerhard Schultz with two tons of food and fuel aboard. After making intermediate stops in Germany he attempted to land at an airport in the area of the encircled 16th Nazi army.

Just as his wheels touched the runways of the airport a squadron of Soviet fighter planes appeared and swooped down on him. Schultz immediately took off and attempted to land at another airport.

This time more Soviet planes swooped down and Schultz again took off without unloading along with several other Nazi planes seeking to escape the Soviet attack.

The attempt was unsuccessful. The big Nazi transport plane was brought down in a forest. For seven days Schultz and his crew roamed the forests. Two of his men froze to death. Finally Schultz and his mechanic were taken prisoner. They told the story of their futile flight from Vienna.

U. S. Irish Hit Axis, Coughlinites
Issue Statement on St. Patrick Day Celebrations

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The Irish Association is sponsoring a meeting tomorrow night at P. O. Box 214, 21st St. Manhattan with Dr. William A. G. Reilly, Vincent A. Brown of Long Beach, Eugene Connelly and Major General John P. O'Rourke as speakers.

HIT MISREPRESENTATIONS
The Association was formed in the summer of 1941 to express the opinions of the vast majority of Irish Americans who supported President Roosevelt's policies and decried the misrepresentation in the so-called Irish press in the United States. After Pearl Harbor, the Association disbanded, believing its work done, but the emergence of subversive tendencies in societies and public organizations claiming Irish-American support, made it clear that the Association had a real job ahead.

Recently it waged a struggle against Francis P. Moran, Christian Front leader in Boston and it is at present opposing the administration of the bar of John F. Cassidy, another Christian Front director. Sponsors of the Association include Edward J. Flynn, John J. Kelly, Jeremiah T. Mahoney, Magr. John A. Ryan, the Rev. H. J. Sweeney, Hon. Thomas F. Meaney, Robert McManus, Magr. Joseph L. O'Brien, Herbert C. F. Bell, Marie Flanagan, the Rev. J. F. Quinn and many others.

Auto Union Head Hits Production Lag
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The international executive committee of the United Auto Workers of America met today to discuss the principal cause of dissatisfaction with the slow pace of conversion and production in the war industry.

The finger was placed directly on major auto corporations by 30.1 per cent of the auto workers who accused these companies of sacrificing the welfare of the country to the cause of profits. Many workers pointed to particular plants as examples of how "business as usual" is still running all-out production. Thomas said.

Only 15.4 per cent, he said, felt that the Government was responsible for tardy action in war production and that "politics, red tape and friction were holding back efficient government leadership."

The UAW leader quoted a Ford worker as reporting "everything is run too slow. Machines that are ready should be operated on three shifts, seven days a week."

Turkish Paper Warns of Nazi Tricks To Draw the Country Into Axis Net

China Sending Leading Arms Experts to U. S.

Gen. Hsiung Shih-hui to Head Important Army Mission to Washington

(By Chinese News Service)
CHUNGKING, March 15.—Significance has been attached to the announcement that the Chinese Government has decided to dispatch a military mission to Washington. The mission consists of some of the ablest military experts in China, including General Hsiung Shih-hui, who is believed to represent China's interests in Allied war conferences. General Hsiung Shih-hui is especially hailed as the right person to head the mission. His assumption of this important post follows in rapid sequence his appointment as a member of the National Military Council which office adds to his prestige as China's chief military representative to the United States.

During his long tenure of office as Governor of Kiangsu Province, General Hsiung has to his credit many military, political and economic achievements which have brought that province to the fore as one of the most important barriers of China's national defense against Japan.

Among the staff officers accompanying General Hsiung is Major General Hsu Pei-keng, well-known military strategist who formerly acted as government spokesman on military affairs. He served as a member of the Aeronautical Commission and was a counselor of the National Military Council prior to his appointment to the military mission to Washington. Other members on the mission include Major General Ching Chen and Colonel Wang Keng, both of whom have had military careers of long standing in China.

College Dean Hits Abolition of Townsend Harris

Dean Herman Feldman of the City College of New York's School of Business and Civic Administration yesterday condemned the abolition of Townsend Harris High School declaring that the need for space at the college did not justify the discontinuance of the preparatory school. Both college and high school share the same building space at 23rd St. and Lexington Ave.

In a letter to Dr. Robert H. Chastney, director of Townsend Harris, the dean called attention to the lack of consideration to the teaching staff in abolishing the school.

He recommended that a vacated school building, made possible by the declining school registration be made available to Townsend Harris for a solution of the problem.

Henderson in Brazil on Raw Material Mission

RIO DE JANEIRO, March 15 (UP).—Leon Henderson, U. S. Price Administrator, said today he expected to spend several days in connection with problems of Brazilian raw materials for the United States.

Henderson is expected to confer with high government officials and business men.

Maine Yard Launches 3 Navy Vessels

BATH, Me., March 15 (UP).—Three navy vessels—including the U. S. Destroyer O'Bannon—were launched at Maine shipyards today.

The O'Bannon slid down the ways at the Bath Iron Works Corp. yard. The vessel was christened by Mrs. E. F. Kennedy of Washington, a descendant of Lt. Presley N. O'Bannon, Marine Corps hero in the war with the Tripoli pirates in 1805.

At East Boothbay, the motor mine sweeper YMS 12 and the patrol craft PC 503 were launched at the Rice Brothers Corp. yards.

Editor Reveals Bait Held Out by Berlin as 'Diabolical Temptations'

(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)
ISTANBUL, March 15.—Nazis are using their familiar tactic of tempting certain Turkish interests with promises of wealth in order to involve Turkey in the Axis war, declares an influential Turkish editor in the newspaper Yeni Sabah. Commenting on a report published in a Bucharest paper that Germany "hopes" that Turkey "will finally define her line of action," the well-known editor of Yeni Sabah, Yalchin, wrote:

"Evidently these Berlin circles do not want us to remain outside the war and neutral. 'They are exerting every effort to attain their aim,' Yalchin said, pointing out that the Nazis were attempting to entice Turkey by promising her Syria, Mosul and Iraq as well as parts of Soviet territory.

Yielding to these 'diabolical temptations,' said Yalchin, would plunge Turkey into a desperate adventure which would benefit only Berlin.

Eyewitness Tells of Navy Disaster

Lone Officer—Survivor of Truxton Describes Crews' Bravery

WASHINGTON, March 15 (UP).—A tragic story of men against the sea—an account of the heroic but futile bravery of the crew of the ill-fated U. S. destroyer Truxton—was told tonight by the only officer-survivor of the 21-year old 1,200-ton warship which was caught in a screaming North Atlantic gale on Feb. 18 and pounded to bits against the rugged Newfoundland coast.

The loss of the Truxton and the 6,083 tons cargo ship Pollux, units of a convoy, was announced by the Navy on Feb. 24, but it was not until tonight that a first hand account of the disaster was made public by the Navy.

It still did not disclose the exact loss of life, although its earlier announcement said that 90 enlisted men and seven officers of the Truxton's normal wartime complement of 150 were presumed to have perished. One officer and 91 men were believed to have gone down with the Pollux.

MOST DISASTROUS
The eyewitness account of the accident was given by the lone survivor of the "most disastrous in history" was unfolded by the lone surviving officer, Ensign William J. Maddocks, 22, of New York City.

The stage for the tragic sea drama was laid on the morning of the eighteenth when the Truxton was swept aground off St. Lawrence harbor. Immediately, Maddocks said, all hands were ordered to bring their blankets on deck in event they were needed on the beach. The crew tried to lower a whaleboat but a forward gun was carried away and the heavy pounding and lurching of the ship shattered the whaleboat so severely that it sank as soon as it reached water.

"This continual pounding of the ship against the rocks smashed in the port side of the hull, and the after fire room soon started to take water," he said. "Keel plates under the after engine room started to buckle and in a short time she was taking so much water that the after engine room had to be abandoned."

Rocks off the port rail prevented lowering of the Truxton's rig, so the crew then began lowering the lifeboats in the early morning darkness.

British Military Chief Dies in China Crash

Five Americans Killed in Plane Disaster Near Kunming

CHUNGKING, March 15 (UP).—A transport plane has crashed near Kunming, apparently from mechanical trouble, killing Maj. Gen. Lancelot Denny, head of the British Military Mission in China, and 13 others, five of them Americans, including two members of Maj. Gen. John Magruder's United States Military Mission, it was announced today.

Six persons were injured. The crash occurred Saturday night five miles from Kunming, where the plane, a Douglas transport of the Chinese National Aviation Corporation, skidded treetops and drove into the side of a hill.

The Americans killed were: Maj. O. C. George of the U. S. Aviation Corps, from Hialeah, Kan., who recently drew up China's airplane requirements from the United States and was considered one of the most active members of the Magruder Mission.

Lieut. Frederick Kohler, address unknown, who was en route to Chungking to join the Magruder Mission to which he recently was assigned.

Penn. Lynch, of Albany, N. Y., American adviser of the Chinese Finance Ministry.

The pilot, E. S. Scott of Manila, Co-pilot W. H. Schuler.

RAF Downs 3 Axis Planes Over Libya

Also Raids Italian Supply Port at Tripoli; Bombs Landing Field

CAIRO, March 15 (UP).—The Royal Air Force shot down three Axis planes in week-end dogfights over Libya and raided as far west as the Italian supply port of Tripoli, an RAF communique said today.

RAF planes shot down two German Messerschmitt fighters and an Italian Macchi fighter in action over Matruh, and in the same area bombed a landing field, severely damaging other Axis aircraft, the communique said.

Tripoli and Benghazi, in western Cyrenaica, were bombed Saturday night.

The communique said that German planes raided the British fortress of Malta in the Mediterranean Saturday night and defense fire brought down two Messerschmitts while three British planes are missing.

A general headquarters communique reported continued artillery exchanges between desert patrols in which at least one enemy tank was knocked out. The RAF supported the operations.

New Draft Lottery Starts Tomorrow

Numbers of 8,000,000 Will Be Drawn from Fish-Bowl

WASHINGTON, March 15 (UP).—The war moves closer to some 8,000,000 American men Tuesday night when their draft order numbers will be drawn from the historic goldfish bowl that served for the first World War draft lottery and for the drawings in 1940 and 1941, when the nation still was at peace.

The drawing will be held in the government departmental auditorium amid ceremonies marked principally by a solemnity in keeping with the gravity of the times.

Selective Service Director Brig. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey will make a 60-second address and then Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson, his eyes blindfolded, will draw the first capsule from the bowl, shortly after 6 P. M., EWT.

Wings of War: Three advanced student pilots at Kelly Field, Texas, break up their formation high over

60 Ohio Youth Leaders Urge Freedom For Browder

(Special to the Daily Worker)
CLEVELAND, March 15.—In a widespread demand for the freedom of Earl Browder, more than 60 leaders of union, religious and student youth organizations in the Buckeye State have added their appeal to President Roosevelt urging executive clemency for Browder.

Although the campaign among the youth has recently been launched, increasing numbers of young Ohio citizens have been participating. The four-pronged campaign is now under way with the result that young Ohioans have sent several thousand post cards to the President; 75 of 100 outstanding youth leaders have already signed statements for Browder's release; many religious, fraternal, Negro, union and student youth have passed resolutions and have been electing delegates to participate in the Free Browder Congress on March 28, 29.

Names of those youth leaders who have already signed and their cities follow:

CLEVELAND: REV. MCCLINTOCK, young minister of the Church of the Covenant; REV. MICKLE, outstanding Negro youth leader; REV. HEARD, Negro minister; PEARL REMINGTON, Glenview Youth Council; RITA AMSTERDAM, former leader of Haddasah; MARGARET STEIN, Glenview Youth Council; SANDY BEACH, formerly Industrial Secretary of YWCA; MISS WILLIAMS, head of Negro Settlement House; NORMAN WOOLLEY, Negro youth leader and Committeeman in Local 54, MMSW; RUTH RAYNER, President of social club in Cleveland; VIVIAN RANDOLPH, Cleveland College, Director of Bundles for Russia; RICHARD CLELAND, Past editor of Penn College paper; RAYMOND ROSS, Head of Red Cross Chapter, Penn College; IRVING ZEIGER, Past Student Director of Michigan League of Women Voters; REYNOLD JAFFE, Member of Damon's Club, Cleveland; ROSE CLAYMAN, Member of Comité Club; JASON RICH, well-known social worker in Cleveland; RAY HEPHERLINE, prominent Republican and Sports Director, Cleveland; RICHARD MALONE, Cleveland; VIRGINIA SAUNDERS, Ladies Auxiliary; JOE GARNER, Field Organizer, URMWA; PAUL SHEPARD, Organizer, Local 738 URMWA; MIKE NATCO, Shop Chairman, Pickering, Chairman; X-RAY, URMWA; HANNA KURTZ, Membership Activities Committee, Local 33, URMWA; JOE DEAN, Organizer, Furniture Workers Union; ANITA DEPPINO, Committeewoman, AFL; JOHN GALLO, Shop Chairman, Local 217, UAW; FRANK EDGE, Exec. Board, Local 55, MMS; ROBERT BROWN, Secretary, Union of Miners, Local 25, MMS; RICHARD GOLDEN, Trustee in AFL Local; RAYMOND DENNIS, Negro leader, Member Negotiating Committee and Committee, National Smelting Co., MMS Local 33; ROBERT HENSON, President, Monarch Aluminum, Local 33, MMS; JOE SIKKIS, Fin. Sec'y, Monarch Aluminum, Local 33, MMS; DAN MERRITT, Exec. Board, Local 33, MMS; BILL WIMMER, Organizer, Local 33, MMS; EARL BURNS, Vice President, Local 33, MMS; MARY PRINCEOFF, Asst. Editor, "Cleveland Union Leader"; BOB STONE, Organizer, Local 300, UAW; TOM MERRITT, Local 33, MMS; BILL CUSTER, Shop Director, Membership Activities Committee, CIO; DUANE STEWART, Chairman, Membership Activities Committee, CIO.

AKRON: BERNARD JONES, Negro Youth Federation, Chairman; FOREST MALONE, Secretary-Treasurer, Chemical Workers Union; ANTHONY VETRONI, State Rep. County & Municipal Workers Union; GLEN NIXON, delegate to Barbours Industrial Council; BERNARD MARKE, delegate from Firestone Local, URMWA to Akron Industrial Union Council; STAN JUNIUS, District Steward, UAW Local, Goodyear Aircraft; ROBERT NIXON, Member Exec. Board, Russian National Home; LILLIAN EASLEY, Program Director, URMWA; BESSIE HUMES, Chairman, Student-Industrial Conference, TWCA; DUKE CURRY, Negro Band Leader.

CANTON: JOHN PERRY, Exec. Board, Local 1200, SWOC and Mrs. WAGNER, Exec. Board, League of Women Voters & Industrial Commission, TWCA.

COLUMBUS: REV. HAROLD E. BREMER, Director of Indiana Methodist Student Council; RABBI LEE J. LEVINGER, prominent leader of young people in Columbus; FRANK L. SHARPER, President of Vanguard League; LLEWELLYN A. COLER, Editor of Ohio State News, outstanding Negro newspaper in Columbus.

REV. C. F. JENKINS, one of best loved leaders of Negro youth; DR. C. NORTH, Professor of Sociology at Ohio State University.

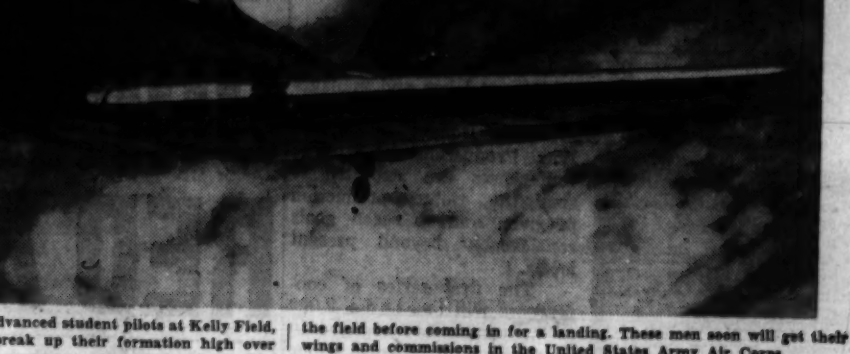
At the same time the Red Army's organ declared that in the front-line winter offensive "the German line of resistance have been broken in the principal sectors and the correlation of fronts has been disrupted."

"The Germans never again will be able to organize an army as powerful or as numerous as the one which attacked Russia at the beginning of the war," it said.

Soviet penetration of the main fronts has broken up most of the German units which held the front line positions early in the winter, Red Star said, obliging the Germans to bring up continually the fresh divisions of "spring reserves," several dozens of which already have been destroyed.

(The Moscow radio was heard in London tonight broadcasting that the Southwestern Front "our troops inflicting decisive blows on the enemy, continue to break his defense lines." It said that "stubborn fighting continues day and night and in the last few days there has been a considerable increase in the number of Germans surrendering."

"On one sector 285 Germans surrendered to one of our units," the radio said. "A German key position was taken in this sector by Russian infantrymen wading through deep snow. Pillboxes were destroyed and the crews wiped out. A German counter-attack directed at a recently captured village was repulsed, the enemy losing 60 dead and 100 wounded. On the Leningrad front 300 Germans were killed in one day's fighting in one sector."



Stalin's Order Aids World Liberation, Say German Refugees

Stalin's 'Order of Day' Dropped on Enemy Lines

(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)
MOSCOW, March 15.—More than 9,000,000 leaflets, printed in German and Rumanian, have been dropped over enemy lines in the past six weeks, the Red Army reported today.

The leaflets carry Premier Joseph Stalin's famous order of the day of Feb. 23. German and Rumanian war prisoners taken recently report that the leaflet has aroused wide interest among the soldiers and has had an important influence in the number of both Germans and Rumanians who surrender.

Soviets Close Noose Around Vyazma

Hitler Makes A Speech

BERLIN, March 15.—(German Radio, Recorded in New York)—Adolf Hitler made an unannounced speech in Berlin today in which he attacked President Roosevelt, complained bitterly of the Russian winter and predicted that Nazi armies would defeat the Soviet Union during 1942.

Hitler spoke for 25 minutes at the Zeughaus, Berlin military museum. He said that the weather in Russia was "the worst in 140 years." It was so cold, he said, that scientists could not even predict the weather.

"One thing we know," he said, "the Bolshevik hordes which did not succeed in defeating the German soldiers this winter will be defeated and annihilated by us in the forthcoming summer."

Sugar Transport Torpedoed; 37 Men Lost

HAVANA, Cuba, March 15 (UP).—The Havana newspaper El Mundo said today that a U. S. Army transport loaded with sugar, the 5,000-ton Colabee, had been torpedoed near Nuevitas Thursday with the loss of 36 of its 37 crew members, and that another unidentified vessel bound for the United States with a load of sugar had been torpedoed and sunk 20 miles north of Nuevitas.

El Mundo said that an American vessel, the tanker Kansas, arrived at Matanzas with the only known survivor of the Colabee, first assistant machinist Frank Eckman, who said the ship was torpedoed by an "enormous submarine" about 120 feet long which circled the ship three times and played a powerful searchlight upon it before launching a torpedo into the starboard side of the vessel.

Netherlands To Continue Sea Battles

LONDON, March 15 (UP).—Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands said today in a radio broadcast that the Army of the Netherlands East Indies "does not and will not capitulate" and the Dutch Navy will continue to fight in the waters around the Indies.

"We will continue to fight in the waters around the Indies," she said. "Our warships continue to be active there."

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Supplements Atlantic Charter, Refugee Paper Says

(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)
LONDON, March 15.—The German refugee population in England has been much impressed by Stalin's Order of the Day published on the anniversary of the Red Army. The Order, they feel, can together with the Atlantic Charter form the foundation for the building of world peace. A leading article in the left bourgeois German paper, Die Leitung, published here, reads in part as follows:

"Army Order No. 55, which Stalin issued on the occasion of the Red Army's anniversary is one of the greatest history-making documents of this war. It speaks the language of the people which has brought to nought the most powerful blows against its life and liberty."

ON ROAD TO VICTORY
The paper then quoted the Order, where Stalin declares: "Henceforward the issue of the war will not be decided by such secondary factors as suddenness but by constant operating factors such as the strength of the rear, the morale of the army, the quantity and quality of divisions, the armament of the army, the organizational abilities of the army commanders. One circumstance should be noted in this connection: No sooner did the German arsenal lose the weapon of suddenness than the German Army was confronted with a catastrophe."

That, says "Die Leitung" in two courses of the war up to now. "The conclusions which result are obvious. For Russia the war is still not yet won, but like England after the Battle of Britain, Russia has gained time to mobilize completely and to throw in huge forces; and this mobilization is in a far more advanced stage than in England in 1940. Huge efforts are still necessary but the road to victory lies open."

NOT WAR OF REVENGE
"In this situation Stalin considers that the time has come to announce the aim for which the Red Army is fighting. This aim is clear and simple. Not a war about the domination or Sovietizing of Europe. Stalin categorically repudiates any imperialist policy. Like a red thread there runs through the whole document the continually repeated reminder that Russia is not waging a war of conquest but a patriotic war, a war of defense, a war for its freedom and independence."

"Herewith collapses like a house of cards the whole structure of lies about 'delivering Europe over to Bolshevism' which Goebbels has been building up for months."

"Russia is not waging an imperialist war nor a war of revenge. Stalin rejects with deliberate scorn the senseless calumny that Russia's aim is to exterminate the German people, and to those who might somehow believe it possible to conduct a policy and establish a peaceful order by preaching national hatred he gives the statesmanlike lesson, 'History shows that Hitler came and go whereas the German people and state remain.'"

"This distinction is not only an indispensable basis for any effective propaganda. It is at the same time the only sound foundation on which a policy can be conducted and peace concluded. It accords with the spirit of the Atlantic Charter to which Russia is signatory and which has pledged the united peoples to destroy Hitlerism, but does not mention Germany or the German people even by name."

"The Atlantic Charter and Army Order No. 55 supplement each other. On such a basis world peace can be built."

95 Pro-Axis Papers Here Work to Prevent U. S. Offensive

Coughlin Leads Rest In Smearing War Effort

Fifth Column Attack Leaves Martin Dies Unconcerned

By John Meldon

America at war faces more than the guns of the Japanese enemy in the Pacific, the submarines of Hitler in the Atlantic.

A nationwide enemy drive is being conducted within our shores, printing tons of newspapers and other propaganda, finding welcome echo in some of the nation's biggest metropolitan daily newspapers—an enemy drive designed to spread defeatism, create confusion and above all to discourage the growing realization of the American government and the people that only by taking the offensive can the Axis be permanently smashed.

At this moment there are nearly 100 pro-Axis publications being printed and widely circulated in and around every city in the country. Some are so openly blatant in praising the Japanese and Nazi foe that one blinks in astonishment and wonders how they get away with it—and who allows it. Meanwhile, these deadly publications are mushrooming rapidly, and one of the newest—"America in Danger"—carries this on its masthead:

"End the War Quickly."

QUINLING LINE.

Since Pearl Harbor, these pro-Axis publications have all suspiciously adopted one line of harangue; the Axis is too powerful to defeat; all talk of an American offensive is doomed to end tragically; America should either make a "graceful" peace with Hitler and Hirohito now, or at least withdraw all naval and land forces "to protect our own shores."

While Coughlin's "Social Justice" bows to none of the pro-Axis sheets in its vitriolic attacks upon the nation's war effort, the "Galilean," edited by William Dudley Pelley of "Silver Shirt" notoriety, makes a close bid for second place.

Typical of the line of these sheets in attempting to confuse the people and make them shy away from an offensive war, is the statement of the "Galilean" in a recent issue: "The strategy announced by Mr. Prime Minister and echoed by Mr. President, presuming to combine the resources of England and America for an all-out invasion of Europe next year, after which they will arrange for a weekend sortie into the Orient and wrest back whatever territorial gains Nippon makes during 1942, has already aroused such a blast of comment throughout the Midwest that the war moral in respect to the whole lissac may be seriously imperiled."

Nor do these fascist publications leave any filthy tricks unused to not only spread defeatism, but to smear the heroes of America's fighting forces. In another recent issue, the "Galilean" has this to say:

"Consider Major General George Van Horn Moseley, probably one of the most capable soldiers we have in America at the present time, twirling his thumbs in an Atlanta apartment and not being called to do anything of graver consequence than read the hourly dispatches as to how beautifully his lifelong colleague, General MacArthur is being trounced in the Philippines."

General Moseley, as everyone knows, is one of the country's most vociferous anti-Semites and an idol of the Christian Front!

Among the other publications doing a wide business and unmoored by Mr. Dies is the Nazi-spirited "Beacon Light," published in California. One of the chief hates of the "Beacon Light" is Jewish Americans, and it further does the bit for Berlin for disseminating "no offensive" propaganda and screams "we can win."

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Max Perlow, manager of Local 74-B of the Furniture Workers Union addresses a group of furniture manufacturers on conversion of the industry for war production. The armed forces need millions of wooden articles which can be produced by the industry. The union and manufacturers are eager to aid the war effort.

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Right in New York, for the asking, one can get copies of "The Hidden Hand," a shameful, brazen attack upon the Jews, written by A. H. Lane; "The Roosevelt Saga," a vicious attack upon the President "The Revolution and the Real Fifth Column," an attack upon the anti-fascist program of the Administration; "Tearing Away the Veil," dealing with the financiers who control the world (the Jews, of course); "The Holy See and the Jews," another anti-Semitic outburst; "The Talmud Unmasked,"

ditto, and other pro-Nazi defeatist publications.

All of the above flow from the headquarters of a man who holds a commission as a Colonel in the U. S. Army—Colonel E. N. Sanoctary, whose office is at 361 East 148th St.

Swimming along, side by side in this stream of treachery are such publications as Lawrence Dennis' "News Letter" and several varieties of Ku Klux Klan publications, such as the "Fiery Cross."

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It is an indication of the nation's still present complacency.

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CIO Electric Union Wins Jobs for Negroes in Many War Industries

By George Morris

(This is the fifth of a series of experiences with joint management-labor war production committees.)

Employment of Negroes for war production, advanced in recent months according to last week's report of the President's Fair Employment Practices Committee, has received much impetus where joint management-labor production committees function.

Many locals of the United, Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, CIO, pioneers in advancing the joint plant committees for months, have already proven how effective such committees could be in extending labor supply—and obtaining it from the ranks of black and white.

This is all the more significant, as the union is in industries which many years have maintained a Negro exclusion policy.

A survey of U. E. locals and interviews with leaders, shows how the union has been gradually breaking through this bar.

In some cases the actual numbers involved are small, but very important in relation to the background.

60 NEGROES HIRED

The hiring of 60 Negroes by the Ford Instrument Co. of Long Island City is almost a historic incident. It comes after a long fight that has been waged by the union and organizations such as the National Negro Congress.

"Yes," said President James McLeish of District 4, U. E., "they have been hired at the local 60-cent hiring rate and will be scaled upward five cents after four months, and on up, in accordance with our contract."

The Ford Instrument Co., now employing some 4,000 workers on all sorts of important equipment for guns and Navy craft, has always recited the same time when confronted by union arguments or delegations about its need of only skilled labor. Negroes don't happen to be skilled, and, anyway, if the company would hire them the "workers would object."

This threadbare story has been told everywhere. So has the company's description by a company official of the fine Negro cook he has had in his home for 20 years, as evidence that the company does not discriminate. This story, cook and all, was once actually delivered by the head of Sperry Gyroscope, which is associated with Ford Instrument, to a committee of the Negro Congress.

UNION PASSES ISSUE

Now the story is so thin it had to be scrapped. The Ford Instrument Local of the UE adopted a resolution demanding that the company hire Negroes. In face of massing of inexperienced workers, the argument about skilled labor fell.

McLeish said the union is pressing the issue in every shop, sending Negroes in response to calls for workers and is determined to fight every manifestation of discrimination. As a consequence, the number of Negroes is growing in many New Jersey shops. He said that about 200 are now employed in shops of Edison Industries, Inc. Solar Manufacturing of Newark hired about 25

some 70 workers in sheet metal wares. The contract provides for hiring through the union. Asked for a helper, Gilbert sent a Negro who was experienced in the line. The hiring boss refused to take him. When Gilbert called up Mr. Parmet, the owner, the latter replied:

"I'll tell you, we are going to need a porter next week, send him over as a porter."

"If you need a porter," Gilbert replied, "notify the union in the usual way. We sent this man as a helper. You have hired white workers with less experience than he has."

WIN JOB FIGHT

He added that if the Negro was not hired, the union will make an issue of the case as a contract violation. The employer asked to consult his works manager. The Negro was hired.

"He has passed his trial period and is getting along well," Gilbert said.

Here's another story on General Ark Lighting, maker of powerful anti-aircraft searchlights. Negroes recently sent by the union were turned down. A joint production committee was formed there late this week. At the first meeting the issue of extending a shift came up to raise production and the union immediately pointed out that it was time to begin hiring Negroes. The inevitable excuse came from the company. The union came back with the information that the workers had voted at a shop meeting to demand hiring of Negroes. Thus stripped of an excuse the company agreed to hire Negroes.

The issue was also fought out at the Bijur Lubrication Co. The union sent a Negro girl in response to a company request for a worker. She was turned down as "inexperienced." Business Agent Jim Gary pointed out that inexperienced white girls were hired by the company before and threatened to fight the case out. The company changed its mind.

CRACKING JIM CROW

Hal Simon, member of the shop committee in Morey's, with Nick Kazakaras, another member present, described to me how six Negro workers have already been placed on production.

"We have a plane hand and shape hand, a janitor in the tool room, a man in the crating department and two Negro maintenance men, who have been shifted to production," Simon said. "The skilled men get the regular rate of 90 cents as the others. They have received the finest cooperation from the other workers."

Local 1227 is carrying on an extensive educational campaign among its members on the importance of fighting for equal rights for Negroes. Shop after shop meeting voted for a resolution approving the policy and called upon the respective employers to hire Negroes. Here is the story Business Agent Sidney Gilbert tells in respect to Par-Metal Products, employer of

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Lockard, Hero of Pearl Harbor, Goes to School

(Special to the Daily Worker)

FORT MONMOUTH, N. J., March 15.—Staff Sergeant Joseph Lockard, honored for giving a warning signal on the approach of Japanese planes at Pearl Harbor, has been enrolled in the Officers Training School here as a reward for his alertness. The course is of ninety days duration.

New TWA Manager

PITTSBURGH, March 15.—T. J. Stott has been appointed station manager for TWA at LaGuardia Field, it was announced here yesterday by John A. Collins, operations manager for Transcontinental and Western Airlines.

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Start Offensive Baltimore CIO Declares

(Special to the Daily Worker)

BALTIMORE, March 15.—"A military offensive at an early date by the United Nations will require the fullest support of all workers in war industries," is the conclusion drawn in a special-delivery letter sent this week to all major affiliates to the Maryland and District of Columbia Industrial Union Council, signed by Sidney R. Katz, secretary-treasurer.

The letter urged the CIO unions to support proposals for joint labor-management victory production boards as the fulfillment of the "CIO's production program for victory."

"We in Maryland and the District of Columbia will accept this opportunity of serving the nation," the letter said. "Well over 300,000 war workers in the Government service, building ships, airplanes, tanks, making steel and explosives, all workers for the war in this area, will work for victory. A military offensive at an early date by the United Nations will require the fullest support of all workers in war industries."

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N. J. CIO Starts Drive To End Discrimination

Rallies for Browder

A series of Free Browder meetings throughout the city, at which prominent speakers are scheduled, are sponsored by the New York Community Divisions of the Committee to Free Earl Browder.

The list of citywide rallies and dates follow:

MANHATTAN

Monday, March 16—8 P.M.: Audubon Hall, 166th St. and Broadway. Speakers: William Browder, Chas. A. Collins, Local No. 6, Hotel and Restaurant Workers Union; Emanuel Block, Attorney; William H. Miller, U.E.R.M.W.A. CIO; Josephine Truslow Adams, Rabbi Jacob Radin, Inwood Hebrew Congregation, chairman.

Tuesday, March 17—8 P.M.: Casa d'Amour, 2912 W. 51st St., Coney Island. Speakers: Hon. Peter V. Cacchione, City Councilman; William Albertson, Josephine T. Adams.

Thursday, March 19—8 P.M.: Savoy Gardens, 408 Ditmars Ave. Speaker: William Browder, Hon. P. V. Cacchione, City Councilman; Rev. James M. Fink, Fenimore Methodist Church; Tan Jasper, Negro youth leader; Leon Straus, president Fur Floor Boys Union; Mrs.

Bernice Krainer, org. chairman, N. Y. CIO Auxiliaries; Oscar Albert, ALP.

BRONX

Tuesday, March 17, 8 P.M.: Harry Meloff Center, 868 East 180 St. Speakers: Henry Hart, author; Janet Feder, executive secretary, N. Y. Citizens' Committee to Free Earl Browder.

Thursday, March 26—8 P.M.: Amalgamated House, 80 Van Courtlandt Park, South. Speakers: William Browder, Mrs. Albert Stone.

QUEENS

Tuesday, March 17—8 P.M.: Hotel Sanford, 140-40 Sanford St., Flushing, L. I. Speakers: Janet Feder, executive secretary, N. Y. Citizens' Committee to Free Earl Browder; John Stuart, managing editor, New Masses.

Free Browder Rallies—Final Session—National Free Browder Congress Sunday, March 29 at 2 P.M. Manhattan Center—34th St. and 8th Ave. Cosmopolitan Opera House—135 W. 55th St. Royal Windsor—86 W. 68th St. Admission 25c.

Asks Fair Employment Committee for Full Cooperation

(Special to the Daily Worker)

NEWARK, N. J., March 15.—The President's Fair Employment Practices Committee has been asked by a special anti-discrimination committee of the New Jersey State CIO Council to cooperate in planning a statewide drive against all forms of industrial discrimination. It was announced today.

Members of the committee, meeting here today to launch such a campaign, reported many instances of New Jersey concerns which have refused employment to workers because of their nationality, color or religious affiliations. It is against such practices that the committee will chiefly campaign. Its work will be extended, however, into all phases of community life, according to a spokesman for the committee.

Edward Bose, a leading Negro member of the CIO's Steel Workers Organizing Committee, is chairman of the special committee, having been appointed by Irving Abramson, president of the State CIO Council.

All labor groups, AFL as well as CIO, will be called upon to cooperate with the CIO committee in taking up the fight against discrimination in any industrial plant or community in which it occurs. Civic, fraternal and religious groups will also be asked to work with the union committee on the anti-discrimination campaign.

Other members of the committee include Duncan Manning, United Mine Workers, District 50; William Jones, Steel Workers Organizing Committee; Rudy Hanson, Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers Union; and Sol Potegal, United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers.

City Seeks to Settle Garment Truck Strike

Union representatives and employers conferred throughout the day yesterday with Ethel Epstein, labor secretary to Mayor LaGuardia, in an effort to end a two-day strike of 1,500 garment industry truck drivers. No solution to the dispute was reported reached.

The strikers are members of Truckdrivers Local 125 of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union.

Army Training Plane Crashes, 4 Killed

TAFT, Cal., March 14 (UP).—A twin-engine army navigation training plane crashed last night near Fellows, Cal., killing four men, it was announced today.

Those killed were Second Lieut. John S. Fennell, Sagache, Colo., 26, the pilot; Aviation Cadet Robert L. Black, 23, Galesburg, Ill.; John J. Clifford, 22, New York City; and Leonard E. Fasholtz, Nowata, Okla.

CIO, AFL Presidents Urge Support of USO

Support of the USO was urged yesterday by AFL President William Green and CIO President Philip Murray in messages to their affiliated membership. The messages stressed labor's complete support of the nation's war effort.



Canal Zone Stripped for Action: Wreckers in the Panama Canal Zone raze a frame dwelling as an entire residential area is cleared away. Object is to remove everything that could be set afire by enemy incendiary bombs or enemy agents and become beacons to guide enemy bombers.

Union Leaders In 5 States Say Free Browder

Michigan Delegates Named to Congress; Clergymen Petition

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1-St. Portland, Ore.: Samuel Gruber, International Representative, International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers Union, Stamford, Conn.; Francis White, Vice-President, United Electric, Radio and Machine Workers of America, Local No. 135, Philadelphia, Pa.; Swan A. Swanson, Vice-President, Northern Washington District Council, International Woodworkers of America; E. J. Bradley, Vice-President, Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, St. Louis, Mo.; T. D. McNeill, Field Organizer, Sleeping Car Porters, St. Louis, Mo.; Victor Pashke, St. Louis, Newspapers Guild; Harvey Lang, Secretary, United Electric, Radio and Machine Workers of America, St. Louis, Mo.; Local No. 1,108; Victor Cervello, President, Journeymen's Tailors Union, St. Louis, Local No. 11; James R. Swarth, Charles Silke, Charles R. Hildreth, and Davis E. Wendt, Steward and members of the Executive Board, Oliverville, New York International Fur and Leather Workers Union, Local No. 202; Sol Potegal, United Electric, Radio and Machine Workers of America, Bayonne, N. J.; Ernest Thompson, President, Local 434, American Radiator; Andy Chuck, President, Babcock-Wilcox, Local 424; Sigie Rednarski, Local No. 421 of the Presto-Lock and Chairman protem of the Hudson County CIO Council; Milton Filker, National Organizer, United Shoe Workers of America; Ralph Ciccarelli, Business Agent, Local No. 73; Al Jacobs, member Executive Board, Fur and Leather Workers Union, Local No. 2; Martin Haskell, Chairman, Organizing Committee, International Union of Mine and Smelter Workers of America, Local No. 15; Mike Kelyk, President Amos Steel Lodge; Peter Flynn, President, Local No. 16, International Union Mine and Smelter Workers of America; Bill Postman, Secretary, Local No. 77-A, Textile Workers of America; Connie Matolski, Secretary, District 50, Lodge No. 12172, United Mine Workers of America; Mildred Supnik, President Local No. 16, United Office and Professional Workers of America; Frank Engelberg, National Organizer, Insurance Division; Al Goldstick, Port Representative, National Maritime Union; Emilio Alonso, Business Agent, Local No. 5757, Writers Union, AFL, and Walter Smith, Local No. 103, Packinghouse Organizing Committee, Newark, N. J.

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Fight on Dies Committee Shifts Against Bid for Funds

Senator Demands Retention of Five-Cent Fare in Radio Address

Muzzicato Bill Goes to Assembly for Final Action Tonight

"Operation of the city subway system on the basis of the five-cent fare with a deficit is just as much a social service as medical care, the school system or police protection," State Senator Dr. Charles Muzzicato stated in a discussion broadcast over station WOR yesterday.

Senator Muzzicato spoke in opposition to the suggestion made by the Committee of Fifteen to raise the subway fare. The much discussed Muzzicato Five-Cent Fare Bill passed the Senate last Monday and is slated for passage in the Assembly tomorrow night.

"I am opposed to raising the fare on the specific grounds that adding a 50 per cent increase in subway fares at a time when all the other costs of living are rising would be a real blow to the morale of our citizens," he declared in amplifying his statement that a rise would be particularly unfortunate at this time.

The Senator also placed his opposition on the premise that the present method of subway operation is comparable in all essential respects to other services financed partially, or wholly, by the city.

SUBSIDIZED SERVICE

"There are certain characteristics which distinguish services the city is already legitimately performing, whether or not they pay for themselves," Senator Muzzicato explained, "and all of them are applicable to five-cent subway service."

"The most important characteristic of these subsidized services is that they occur in fields where the average beneficiary of the service can not afford to pay his full share of the actual cost. The proposal to raise the fare by 50 per cent is equivalent to a 1-2-3 per cent gross income tax levy for the average subway rider. Income statistics show that the average family in New York City can make this additional payment only by sacrificing health and morale at the most critical time in our history."

"Therefore," Senator Muzzicato concluded, "the city performs a real social service when it operates the subway system on a five-cent fare basis and makes up the deficit from tax revenue."

Delay on Penn Line Caused By Derailment

(By United Press)

The Pennsylvania Railroad said that early morning trains operating between New York and Washington were delayed about three or four hours today by derailment of seven cars of a freight train on the main line at Darby, Pa. near Philadelphia.

No one was injured. Cause of the derailment was not revealed in reports sent here, a Pennsylvania official said.

Former Judge Heads Russian Relief Group

Benjamin Greenspan Is Chairman of Upper Manhattan Committee

Judge Benjamin E. Greenspan, former Judge of the Magistrate's Court and president of the Wall Street Synagogue, has accepted the chairmanship of the Upper Manhattan Committee of Russian War Relief, an affiliate of the national Russian War Relief Agency, it was announced yesterday.

Included in the list of sponsors of the committee are the Reverend S. Taggart Steele, Jr., vicar of Trinity Parish Chapel of the Intercession; Dr. Seymour Jaslow, and Rabbi R. Maler.

Although one of the most recently-formed of the Russian War Relief groups, the Upper Manhattan Committee has already contributed more than \$1,000 for medical supplies to Russia, and has enlisted the aid of thousands of New Yorkers in this cause.

"With the imminence of spring and the possibility of a violent Hitler counter-offensive," said Judge Greenspan, in accepting his post with the relief committee, "it is imperative that Americans understand now the importance of Russia's stand to our own fight."

The Upper Manhattan Committee of Russian War Relief, under Judge Greenspan's guidance, intends to launch its Spring drive in co-ordination with the general campaign of the entire relief organization, under the slogan "Help Russia this Spring for victory this year."

Hold Widespread Blackout Test in Westchester

(Special to the Daily Worker)

YONKERS, N. Y., March 15.—One of the most extensive tests yet held in the United States took place in Westchester County last night when fire alarms and whistles sounded the alarm in six cities, 21 villages and 18 towns.

These regular tests for blackouts were observed with pedestrians taking cover, motorists pulling to the sides of curbs, blinds being drawn on all passing trains, and street and parkway lights going out. Even Sing Sing's windows were darkened. Civilian defense volunteers were at their posts throughout the blackout.

Passenger Ship Reconditioned as Aircraft Carrier

CHICAGO, March 15.—Reconditioning of the largest passenger ship on the Great Lakes, the Seandee, as an aircraft carrier has been announced by the Ninth Naval District. This will make possible training of Navy air personnel on the Great Lakes in carrier flying. Previously this type of training has been carried on at deep sea bases. Main change will include the construction of a large flying deck.

West Point Celebrates Anniversary

Academy 140 Years Old; Alumni Include MacArthur, Kelly

WEST POINT, March 15.—Today marks the 140th anniversary of the founding of the United States Military Academy at West Point. Under the motto of "Duty—Honor—Country" the Academy is now training 1,800 men for their roles as leaders in the nation's battle against the Axis. The present enrollment will soon be raised to 2,500. Of all the officers graduated as second lieutenants, about 6,800 are now on active duty with the Army, assigned to posts all over the world.

Quiet ceremonies will mark the anniversary today. Saturday night it was celebrated by a dinner of graduates at the Hotel Barclay, an event dedicated to General Douglas MacArthur. At West Point there was formal observance, the theme of which was "Warfare at West Point." Tributes were paid to Captain Edwin Kelly, Jr. and Second Lieutenant Alexander R. Nininger who gave their lives heroically in the fighting in the Philippines.

Upstate Plants Increase War Production

ALBANY, March 15.—The New York State Industrial Commission has granted dispensation to over 450 plants in war production to increase production. Longer hours, night work, and multiple shifts are among the changes that have been agreed upon. AFL and CIO officials are cooperating in the program to protect the rights of labor.

Food Scarce in Azores

A food scarcity in the Azores Islands is rapidly growing more serious, said Armando Codoner, 18-year old son of the U. S. Consul at Ponta Delgada, Azores, as he arrived here with his mother and brother on a Portuguese liner. The heavy concentration of Portuguese soldiers is causing it, he reported.

Whitewash Of Lynchers Stirs People Of Missouri

Protests Mount as Grand Jury Refuses to Act in Sikeston Case

(Special to the Daily Worker)

ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 15.—A storm of protest swept the progressive forces of this city and the state of Missouri this week after a Scott County Grand Jury, composed entirely of white business men, had "whitewashed" the mob of lynchers who burned Cleo Wright, Negro cotton seed oil worker, to death at Sikeston on Jan. 23.

The jury returned "no bill" on the lynching on March 11, after what was a farcical investigation that took only ten hours of its time in a two-day session.

No comment was forthcoming from the jury on the lynching of Wright except to say that "it hoped this would put an end to discussion and agitation about the Sikeston business."

Nor was there any comment from County Prosecutor David Blanton who had promised that justice would be done. Assistant Attorney General Harry Kay who had been sent in by Gov. Forrest Donnell to assist Blanton in the investigation was non-committal, too.

HOPE FOR FEDERAL ACTION

Inasmuch as Missouri has no anti-lynching law, Negro and white leaders hope that the U. S. Department of Justice will resume its investigation of the case and bring the lynchers to justice for violation of the civil rights amendment of the Constitution.

The feeling of the vast majority of Missourians was well expressed by William Senter, an international vice president of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, CIO, in a telegram today to Gov. Donnell urging that he ask for federal intervention.

"The whitewash action of the grand jury," Senter wired, "is an insult to the democratic integrity of our state and its loyal citizens. Persecutions, lynchings and attacks against a minority group are the stock in trade of our Axis enemies."

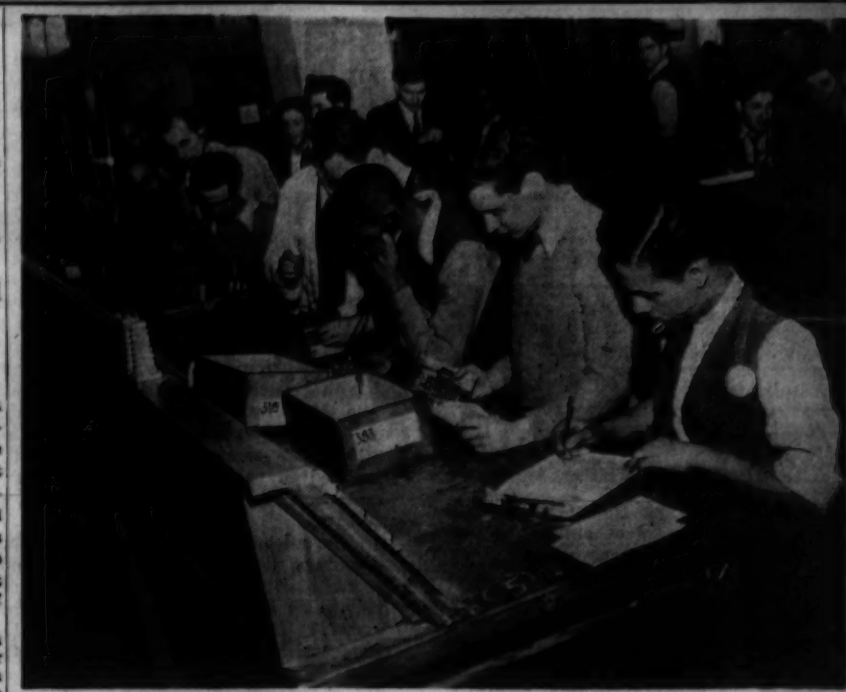
"Can we Missourians allow this shameful crime against democracy to go unpunished? If we do, what right do we have to speak as defenders of democracy to the Norwegians, Poles, Czechs, Malaysians, Balinese, the dark peoples of South America, Africa and Asia? We must show these little peoples of the world that we can smash Ku Kluxism in the United States wherever it may arise, just as we are determined to smash Hitlerism throughout the world."

PROVES NEED OF BILL

The whitewash action of the Scott County grand jury conclusively proves that lynchers cannot be brought to justice by local law enforcement agencies ridden with the same lynch spirit and determined to save their ugly hides.

"It behooves you as chief executive of our state to declare our state unable to bring justice in this case and to call upon the federal government to take over again for full enforcement of the civil rights amendment of our constitution."

In Jefferson City, Gov. Donnell refused to comment on the grand jury's action until he had conferred with Assistant Attorney General Kay.



Youth Trains for Radio War Work: More than 500 boys and girls, Negro and white, are training to become radio technicians at the National Youth Administration Radio Communications Workshop in New York City. Many trainees have already been assigned to jobs in defense as radio technicians, broadcast engineers, wireless operators and bench workers. While training they are doing war work for city, state and federal agencies.

Youth Trained by NYA Make Radio Sets for Army Overseas

High Court Schneiderman Case Delayed

Citizenship Hearing Appeal to Be Heard in April

(Special to the Daily Worker)

SAN FRANCISCO, March 15.—Hearings before the U. S. Supreme Court on the appeal of William Schneiderman, California Communist leader, have been postponed from the March to the April calendar, it was revealed yesterday according to Mini Carson, national administrative secretary of the Committee for Citizenship Rights.

Miss Carol King, New York attorney member of the Schneiderman Counsel forwarded the information upon receipt of a communication from Charles Cropley, clerk of the Supreme Court.

Requested by the U. S. Solicitor General, the postponement will afford more time to reply to the brief filed by the American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born acting as a friend of the court, Cropley stated.

Schneiderman is seeking a reversal of the lower court decision revoking his citizenship because he was a member of the Communist Party at the time of his naturalization.

Wendell Willkie will represent him without remuneration when the case is argued before the Supreme Court.

Civilian Defense Head

A full-time head of civilian defense in New York City has been urged by the Bronx Board of Trade, through its president Maxwell Fox. The proposal provides that all existing agencies would be coordinated under the person appointed.

By Louise Mitchell

Four hundred radios will soon be on their way to the boys in army camps from Alaska to Panama as soon as the instruments look and act as good as new.

Now under repair at the Radio Communications Work Center of the New York National Youth Administration, they are being ripped apart, overhauled and standardized by 500 young men and women trainees who are learning fast what makes a radio talk.

Collected by a group of enterprising Westchester women, the receiving sets will not only bring news and recreation to army outposts but are serving as learning materials for future broadcast engineers, wireless operators, general technicians, electricians and radio mechanics.

In a two-story workshop in an E 32nd St. skyscraper, trainees, Negro and white, work and study in terms of production jobs sponsored by city, state and federal agencies. Transmitters, reception sets, "relay boxes" and inter-communications sets are under construction. The school is under War Production Board supervision.

"WE GET A CHANCE"

Working over a complicated tube socket, Arthur Blevitky, aged 18, who wants to be a radio operator, this week praised the training center for its contribution to defense in the training of young workers.

"We get a chance to study and get experience here," he said, "plus a knowledge of fundamentals. Where could I get a tube socket to work on unless I paid for it?"

Arthur stressed the need to develop good work and tool habits for future factory work.

Sylvan Christian, Negro trainee, would like to work in defense "if I could only get a job now." Sylvan's mother would be delighted, he said, "if I learned a profession and also helped my country."

The need of women in industry has stimulated training of young girls; 50 of whom are included among the 500. The great demand for technicians has sent many into the Civilian Branch of the Signal Corps, Federal Communications Commission, American Airlines, Pan-American Airlines, Curtis-Wright, General and Western Electric, Pilot

Radio and Sperry Gyroscope

Five girls are sent to Western Electric every week, many of them Negroes.

Evelyn Kaminsky who is studying to be a radio technician is delighted with her work since she has always had a yen to tinker around with radios.

"My family is happy that I am doing what I like and also learning a profession. I am preparing to get a license which will show I am a first class operator."

She expressed gratitude for her chance to study and said, "It's unfortunate that an emergency had to show that women can do this work as well as men."

Until the present women have only been used in bench jobs and at simple assembling tasks.

Ruby Cuffee who learned about the school from the Urban League in Brooklyn felt that all Negro boys and girls should avail themselves of the training.

"It's so hard for colored boys and girls to get sufficient training. This is a wonderful opportunity."

Annette Exposito feels like she will soon do her bit as a code operator in a marine station.

Anton Pohly, who started as a student at the workshop and is a foreman now, is glad to be able to serve his country by training radio technicians and operators.

LARGEST WORKSHOP

The workshop, largest of its kind in the country, works closely with the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, American Communications Association and other unions for job placements.

Stressing the need to develop as many youths as possible for defense work, Morris Segal, director of the workshop declared, "We find absolutely no difference between the work of girls and boys in aptitude and willingness to learn a trade."

The placement of Negro trainees has improved, he said, since the President's proclamation.

"We have never had any difficulty whatever. The boys and girls work harmoniously together, whether the supervisors or trainees, are Negro or white. They know there's a job to be done."

Unity in Action and an End to Factionalism Is Issue in Coming Election in Local 22, I.L.G.W.U.

By G. Sharfstein

(This is the first in a series of two articles discussing forthcoming elections in ILWGU Local 22)

The remarkable thing about the forthcoming elections in the Dressmakers Local 22 is that there is virtually no divisions of opinion between the Progressive (administration) Group and the Rank and File Group on the basic issue of the war and on the main problems confronting the union. So at least it would seem from the campaign literature issued by both groups. Each set of leaflets and folders stresses the fight against the fascist Axis as the permanent issue, and one group vies with the other in its advocacy of unity in the Dressmakers Union as a component element of the larger national unity. Printed in bold face is the assertion in one of the leaflets of the Progressive Group that:

"We must not permit our unity in the war, in the fight against Nazism and fascism, to be endangered by our controversies."

Even more outspoken is the unity plank in the election program of the Progressive Group. We quote it verbatim, bold face and all:

"We stand today, as we have always stood, for the firmest and most extensive unity in our ranks. We strive for the solidarity and united action of all dressmakers without regard to political belief or affiliation. Especially because of

the emergency of the war must we continue to build up such unity. Active cooperation in carrying through the union activities in the present war emergency is the soundest basis for such unity."

There is little to choose between this admirable profession of faith and the statements of the Rank and File Group on the subject of unity. This group, too, states that "past differences must be submerged in the paramount interest of the present" and that "the urgencies of the times demand unity. It is our essential desire that the elections in our local will result in a powerful united union capable of safeguarding the general welfare of the workers to enable them to produce and make contributions in the battle for victory."

WHY A STRUGGLE?

Such being the case, why dispute the energies of the great Local 22 with its 25,000 members on an election struggle in which there are no basic differences involved? The Rank and File Group takes the correct, common-sense view of the situation in proposing all constructive elements in the union. While the group finds much to criticize in the performance of the administration, it finds little fault with the pre-election program issued by the Progressive Group. This program could well serve as a sound basis for the united action of both groups. What then is the

obstacle in the way of real unity in the union?

The answer is obvious: the Progressive Group, i.e., the administration headed by Charles S. Zimmerman, Manager of Local 22, refuses to honor its own unity plank. Not only has the administration rejected the proposal of the Rank and File Group for a joint slate of candidates, it has emblazoned on the front page of its program the slogan of factionalism and group domination by designating itself as the Progressive Group, thus implying opposition. If not hostility, to the other group which in the last local elections polled almost 40 per cent of the total vote and which now is ready to submerge past differences in the interest of real unity.

PRODUCES STRIFE

Whatever strife has been engendered in the local elections among the thousands of members of the union, is the result of the refusal on the part of the administration to implement its unity plank by accepting the proposal for a united administration of all constructive elements.

In its list of candidates there is not a single name that is not identified with the leadership of the ruling group. Not even as a gesture has the administration found it necessary to include a few of the outstanding trade unionists from the Rank and File among its candidates for business agents or mem-

bers of the Executive Committee. Having no other issues upon which there is basic disagreement between the two groups, the administration is in effect campaigning on the sole issue of perpetuating factionalism and group domination in the union.

This is a far cry from its professed policy of "Solidarity and united action of all dressmakers without regard to political belief or affiliation."

RESTRICT ACTIVITY

Nor is this the only gap between words and deeds in the administration camp. Far from promoting "active cooperation" of all constructive elements in carrying through the union activities as the "soundest basis" for unity, the administration has actually been restricting and thwarting membership activity, confining it almost entirely to its own group followers. Aside from the fact that the adherents of the Rank and File group have no standing whatsoever as far as the administration is concerned, individual trade unionists associated with that group are kept in the "dog house" and denied opportunity to participate in union activity. They may be men and women of experience in trade union work; they may be veterans of Local 22, enjoying the respect and confidence of the membership; but if they don't eat out of the hand of the administration, they simply don't

"belong." For them—no important assignments, no activity in important union tasks, no participation in meetings of union activists. And lest they assert their influence and make their contributions to the union at the district membership meetings, such meetings have been abolished entirely!

No wonder many dressmakers with no group affiliations are skeptical about the sincerity of the administration: its performances simply don't tally with its promises, its deeds are at sharp variance with its words.

NO CHOICE

Under the circumstances, the Rank and File Group has no choice but enter its own partial list of candidates in the forthcoming elections. In doing so it is not animated by a spirit of opposition or a desire to oust the present factional administration and substitute one group control for another. On the contrary, the Rank and File Group offers its partial list of candidates for the approval of the membership in a spirit of unity through action. Thousands of dressmakers will welcome the opportunity to vote for and elect these candidates, thus insuring a united administration and the presence in it of trade union activists who will not permit the present leadership to remain complacent and neglectful of the interests of the membership.

The second and concluding article will appear tomorrow.

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Hearst, Enemy of the American Republic

William Randolph Hearst is continuing his disgraceful record of anti-Americanism by what he considers slick work at poisoning Americans against their own government and the United Nations. This is the chore of this enemy within our gates in the Spring offensive against America and its allies in the war.

Under the guise of running "historical" material about Japan, Hearst has been sneaking in laudation of Tokyo's depraved ruling clique. Recently he went so far, in his front page column in the New York Journal-American, as to picture the Japanese samurai rule as a practical paradise. This cruel regime exploiting the Japanese people for a clique of feudal lords—the predecessors of the present gang around the "God-Emperor"—is represented as an era of "prosperity and gaiety," to quote Hearst's own words.

And what is the purpose behind all this "historical" twaddle?

It is in order that Hearst may represent this regime of bloodshed and oppression as superior to the present government of the United States. This is specifically what Hearst says, painting conditions in the Japanese city of Osaka under the samurai as better than our country under the Roosevelt administration.

This derision of our democratic government as inferior to the regime of our fascist enemies is taken whole-cloth from the fiction factories of Goebbels and Tojo. It has about it the stench of sedition.

In his eagerness to aid the Axis, Hearst draws still further from Hitlerian inspiration. Through his hired man, Benjamin De Casseres, he seeks to spread suspicion against the Soviet Union, the British government and all of America's allies. In doing this, he assails the leaders of the Chinese and Indian people through the lowest of appeals to race hatred. "They are not Anglo-Saxons," writes this Hearst scribbler, "or even Latins," saying that because of this fact no trust can be put in them.

Such straining to stir up Ku Klux Klanism, such slurs upon the Negroes and the other darker races are the mark of the political agent for Hitler. They have no place in American life. They are devised to divide the American people, to create disruption among them at the hour when national unity is needed the most, to work up suspicions among the Allies at the moment when Hitler looks to his fifth column to divide the free nations. That is precisely what William Randolph Hearst is doing. He is the mouthpiece of the appeasers, the enemy of the American Republic.

Women at the Work Bench

America has a reserve of 7,000,000 women who can be drawn into industry, says the National Industrial Conference Board. Up to the present, only a comparatively small portion of these possible war workers has been inducted into the nation's shops and factories.

Everyone who wishes seriously to advance the offensive character of the war on the part of the United Nations will appreciate that women will have to be given places at the work-bench and "the belt" more rapidly than is now the case. One of the suggestions made by the Soviet trade union delegation to Great Britain was in pointing to the great possibility of releasing thousands of men for the front by a more widespread use of women's services in the factories.

We can take this suggestion to heart in this country. It is not by dwelling constantly on our potential power, but by dynamically making that power register that we will win the war. This entails the rapid mobilization of millions of men for warfare against the enemy "where he is." By the same token, it implies the drawing of millions of women into industrial pursuits.

We believe that the trade unions can take the lead in this matter. The registry of women for war production is something that is sorely required and the trade unions can do no better than to press for such a registry without delay.

By taking a positive stand for the training of women workers and their entry into industry, the unions will be performing no small service to the nation. They will also be more readily able to insist upon equal pay for equal work for these women; as the recent Gallup Poll registered is the desire of the majority of the American people. The unions, in going to the fore for the quicker placing of women in the shops, will be preparing these millions of new workers to be loyal members of the trade union movement.

Let's not forget: Every new woman working at the bench is one more man free to engage in military service against the nation's enemies.

The Unity Trend In the ILGW

The trend in the present series of local elections in the International Ladies Garment Workers has already been made clear by the results in Locals 9 and 117.

In Local 9, the left progressives elected six of their 10 nominees for business agents. They also elected 11 members to the executive board consisting of 24 members. In Local 117, the left progressives elected seven of their nine nominees for business agents.

Of special significance was the fact that many known Communists were among those who won and drew the highest votes. Joseph Boruchowitz, well-known Communist who was defeated for manager of Local 117 by only 217 votes, nevertheless obtained 3,111 votes—more than any Communist had received in the local since 1925. At the same time the most violent red-baiters were defeated.

The outcome in these two contests should encourage the membership to elect a united, representative leadership in the elections still to be held, including Local 22 (dress-makers); Local 60 (dress pressers); Local 10 (cutters); and especially in Knitgoods Local 155, the one local where an appeaser foe of President Roosevelt's foreign policy, Louis Nelson, is seeking re-election as manager.

These results show an important trend: The beginning of realignments in the locals and the breaking down of the hard and fast group lines which the ILGW leadership has sought to retain.

The left progressives, united with constructive forces that have been aligned with "right" groups, sought to achieve in the election a united leadership which would give representation to all the different viewpoints in the locals and thus achieve the kind of unity behind the war drive which is today the trend throughout the entire labor movement. The successes of these progressive forces and the close vote in those cases where they lost, demonstrate that this unity approach was correct and was well understood by the workers.

It is obvious that the actual results of the two elections contradict the statement of President Dubinsky to the effect that the contests constituted a repudiation of the United Front and of the Communists. In electing known Communists and in breaking through group lines, the workers accomplished something which the ILGW leadership has unfortunately sought to prevent—they achieved a leadership at least partly representative of all trends in the unions which will help solve the problems of the garment workers as well as stimulate the role of the locals in the war effort.

Unquestionably the left progressives will accept the election results in a spirit of unity and continue their efforts for the complete unification of the ranks of the garment workers.

Letters From Our Readers

Labor's Viewpoint Over the Air

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

I should like to inform you of my deep appreciation for Labor's Newsroom. It isn't often that labor has an opportunity to present its side of the news over the air, and I take every opportunity I can to listen to it. For straightforward news you top them all.

J. L.

How Long?

New York, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Earl Browder is imprisoned solely for exercising his constitutional right to have and to express his political opinions, the political opinions of a legally recognized party. Imprisoned under the transparent camouflage of an infraction of a passport regulation violated by many others who were never molested. Imprisoned, in fact, because he learned how to fight Nazism years before the government itself woke up to the situation.

How long is our Federal Government going to appease the Axis and all its treacherous friends in this country by denying the petitions of millions of Americans convinced that the imprisonment of Earl Browder was not only a gross injustice but a slap in the face to our sacred Bill of Rights?

M. C.

Constant Listener

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

I've been listening to your newscast, Labor's News Room, since the first day it started. I look forward to it because I can take the news I get from it out into the street without worrying about making a mistake. I was glad to hear of the daily broadcast set for 9:45 nightly. It should have been that way long ago. Here's hoping that the Daily Worker will stay on the air.

Sorry I can't help financially right now, but hope I'll be able to in the near future. A little coming from many people would help to make a bigger and better broadcast.

L. C.

Indiana Sub Getter Writes

Huntington, Ind.

Editor, Daily Worker:

I sure hate to be without the Daily Worker but I don't see any work in sight until the weather gets milder. As soon as I get work—I'll send money along for a subscription.

I have been fortunate enough in getting many new subs in Fort Wayne, but at the moment, due to lack of work in these parts, subs have dropped off. I have had some very good compliments on the paper.

Wishing every success in the future to America's best workers' paper.

A. E.

Inspiring Example

Detroit, Mich.

Editor, Daily Worker:

The story of Red Army courage is one of the most inspiring tales of heroism the world has ever known. Their magnificent defense of their homeland is lauded the world over, and sets an inspiring example to the armed forces of all the free nations of the world, and especially to those guerrilla forces operating in the Hitler conquered countries.

F. J. F.

Don't Let Him Block the Road!



Passage of Pepper-Geyer Bill to Outlaw Poll Taxes Is Needed to Help Win the War

By Rob. F. Hall

(Special to the Daily Worker)

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., March 15.—

The one great issue before the people today is the war against the Axis.

Nothing else is as important as this life and death struggle. Our past progress, our independence, our very existence as a nation, are at stake.

The war must be taken into account in every thing we say or do.

In order to guarantee victory, we must put aside all special interests that may tend to divide us, and work together regardless of racial, national, religious or political differences.

In the primary elections that are taking place throughout the South, the war is the real issue. Because of the "one-party system" the candidate nominated in the primary is practically sure of election. For this reason, the Southern people, Negro and white, and their organizations, cannot be indifferent to what happens in the primaries. These men who go to Washington to represent us in Congress—must be the ones who will give the fullest, the most able, the most self-sacrificing support to winning the war.

This is the yardstick by which the voters must measure every candidate. And this is also the yardstick by which we must measure all proposed laws.

TWO THOUGHTS

There are two thoughts which come immediately to our mind after the above paragraph.

The first is that every candidate says that he supports the war.

The second is that because of the poll tax in eight of the Southern states and disfranchisement of the Negro people in the remaining ones, three-fourths of the Southern people cannot vote.

In regard to the first, we can say that if the candidate REALLY supports the war, he will support every step necessary to winning the war.

What are the steps necessary to win the war? In brief, they are whatever can be done to "bind our whole people together in a great national unity behind the Roosevelt administration's conduct of the war; to cement closer ties with our allies, and especially Britain and the Soviet Union; to take a militant offensive against the Axis, including the opening of a Western Front; to secure the fullest mobilization of men, machines and natural resources to swell our production of all the materials of war for ourselves and our allies; to guarantee that our people will be well fed, physically equipped to perform their duties in the armed forces, in the mills or on the farms, and finally to preserve and extend democracy, real democracy, with a free and equal people enjoying the privileges and rights as well as the responsibilities of citizenship. An essential and vital step to secure this objective is the abolition of the poll tax and all other un-democratic restrictions on the right to vote.

The Southern people are quite prepared to postpone adjustment of their special grievances if such an adjustment interfered with the war effort. We ask the question: will the abolition of the poll tax hinder or help the war effort? And the answer is clearly that this would HELP the war effort. It would bring new millions of Southerners into the stream of political action, providing fresh reinforcements to strengthen the support for Roosevelt's Victory program.

The abolition of the poll tax is more important today than ever before, precisely because it is needed to help us win the war.

We know that all that glitters is not gold—that many Southern Senators and Congressmen claim to support the war but in an underhand way carry on a fight against many of the steps necessary to win the war.

For example, two Southerners are a part of the "Washington Clivenden set," the little group of appeasers that congregate at the home of Mrs. Evelyn Walsh McLean, which President Roosevelt charged with spreading vicious rumors and doubts about our fighting ally, the Soviet Union. One of them is Mrs. McLean's son-in-law, Senator Reynolds of North Carolina, chairman of the Senate Military Affairs Committee who used to praise Hitler openly. The other is Martin Dies, chairman of the un-American Dies Committee which has worked throughout its existence to slander the Soviet Union, and to disrupt American unity by "red-baiting" every progressive force that fought against fascism. Not only Communists, but trade unionists, progressive Democrats and leaders of people's organizations have been smeared by Dies at the same time that he is shielding pro-Nazi like Kuhn, G. L. K. Smith, Pelley, etc.

CONGRESSMAN SMITH

For another example, take Congressman Smith of Virginia, who introduced legislation only a few weeks ago to outlaw the 40-hour week, to repeal all progressive labor legislation such as the Wagner Act and the National Labor Act. His bill would not have resulted in increased production. It would have meant a wage cut for the workers in the face of rising living costs, and brought back chaos in industry that would have interfered with production.

For still another example, let us turn to the problem of food production. Under the battle cry of "Food for Freedom, our farmers," with the help of the Farm Security Administration, have turned to boosting their acreage in important crops needed by us and our allies. Without FSA loans, the small farmers could not even make a crop, let alone join in this program. Yet it is against FSA that Senators Glass and Byrd have turned the guns of their so-called "economy committee." They want to smash FSA, as well as NYA and other such agencies, as "non-essential." Success for their policy would be worth many divisions of soldiers to Hitler and the Mikado.

It is to the credit of the Negro people that in spite of discrimination and lynching, the overwhelming majority are loyally supporting the war against the Axis, realizing that a victory for Hitler and the Mikado would mean abject slavery and the destruction of all past gains, even the smallest.

These men, who are enemies of the people and obstacles to winning the war, can hold office only because of the chains which, fetter democracy in the South.

Because of the poll tax, less than 25 per cent of the adult population in the eight poll tax states voted in the 1940 elections. In the rest of the country, close to 70 per cent of the adults voted.

It is not surprising therefore to find in Congress men like Dies, who was elected by a vote five or six times smaller than that of a Congressman from a Northern state. Or men like Cox of Georgia, whose vote of 1,137 in 1938 was only three

per cent of the population of his district.

These poll tax Congressmen and Senators are thus returned to Washington year after year. Under the rules of Congress, their seniority entitles them to the key positions of chairmen of the most important committees. Thus they are able to command far more power than progressives elected by labor and the common people from non-poll tax states.

EXPENSIVE VOTES

Poll tax has made voting expensive. It ranges from \$1 a year in Arkansas to \$2 in Tennessee. In four states, it is cumulative and piles up for several years. In Alabama and Georgia, it can pile up for 34 and 39 years respectively, and a man may have to pay \$36 to vote.

That would work a hardship in any state. But in the South, it is a special burden because of the low income of our people. In Texas in 1938 the average per capita income per year was \$399; in Mississippi it was \$205. For comparison, it was \$515 for the entire country.

In those states where the poll tax was merely a law on the statute books (North Carolina, Florida and Louisiana) it has been repealed by the people. But in most of the other states, the poll tax was placed in the state constitution and is therefore very hard to eliminate. The little cliques in control are unwilling to amend themselves out of power.

That is why the Southern people have themselves turned to the Federal Government and to Congress for action to abolish the poll tax and restore democracy to the South.

SENATE BILL

A bill has been introduced into the Senate by Senator Pepper of Florida (S. 1280). A similar bill introduced by Geyer is still pigeonholed by the House Judiciary Committee. This bill would abolish the poll tax in all elections for President, Congressmen and Senators.

The overwhelming majority of the people are opposed to the poll tax. President Roosevelt said that he has always been against it. The labor movement, including the CIO, AFL and the Railroad Brotherhoods, have endorsed the Pepper-Geyer bill. The National Farmers Union, several state Leagues of Women Voters, Negro organizations, and thousands of other, have taken the same position.

The abolition of the poll tax must be delayed no longer. The passage of the Pepper-Geyer bill is a necessary war measure. Only in this way will the Southern people be able to voice their full support of the President's Victory Program. Only in this way can we take from the appeasers, the Ku Kluxers and the Southern members of the "Clivenden set" the right to sit in Washington and knife the war program in the back.

In every state, with or without the poll tax, the people are called on to take the following action:

1—Write letters, pass resolutions and send telegrams to your Congressmen and Senators to support the Pepper-Geyer bill. Demand that your Congressman sign the petition to bring the Geyer bill to the floor of the House.

2—Demand that every candidate for office, in the primaries as well as in the general election, shall express himself on the poll tax and on the Pepper-Geyer bill. Support for election those Win-the-War candidates who stand for the abolition of the poll tax, and for democracy in the South.

Lolya, Tiny Partisan, Wins Honors for Warrior Courage

By Janet Weaver

(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)

MOSCOW, March 15.—She introduced herself simply as "Lolya." Nothing more. She is still a member of a guerrilla detachment operating in the German rear and it is taking an unnecessary chance to disclose her full name.

Lolya is a small girl with big blue eyes, round face and delightful smile like a baby's. Her brown hair is cut short. She wears a big fur hat, khaki tunic, breeches, high felt boots.

To look at her one would never think that this girl could even scare the Germans, but after listening to the stories about her experiences behind the German lines one realizes more than ever that it's not quantity but quality that counts.

More than one Fascist met his death and more than one German tank has been destroyed because of her.

Lolya was a high school geography teacher before the war. She has two brothers in the Red Army. She joined the Partisans in October and has been with them ever since.

"JUST FIGHTS GERMANS"

She talked about her life as a partisan matter-of-factly. What to us might seem an extraordinary feat for a girl, to her is but a part of everyday life. When we asked her what she does in the Detachment, she said she sometimes acts as a scout, sometimes mines roads and destroys German transports and sometimes "just fights Germans."

She said there were many girls in the detachment, all of them full-fledged fighters using the same arms as the men, including automatic rifles, some of which are Russian and some captured from the Germans. "And we all know how to use them," she added significantly.

The detachment operates in a certain district as long as it is necessary to drive the Germans out and then moves on to another district, she said. "The Detachment rarely ever acts as a whole but is broken up into small groups," she said. "Each group is given a different task."

She, for instance, was appointed commander of a group of 7 girls and she told us of one of their operations.

TRACER BULLETS USED

"The Germans concentrated many tanks and cars in a nearby village," she said, "and my group was ordered to enter the village and destroy as many of them as possible. We chose night for the operation, since we knew the Germans to be asleep. Dressed in white coveralls, we slipped into the village and blew up three tanks, 11 cars with bottles of combustible liquid. The Germans opened machine-gun fire at us, but they used tracer bullets and we were able to dodge them. We all got back safely."

She told another story of how the Detachment recaptured a village from the fascists. The guerrillas were in a forest near the village when one day they received a letter from the German Command saying that they had caught their Partisan leader and that the whole detachment would soon be surrounded and annihilated.

"They told us if we didn't surrender immediately they would execute every inhabitant of the village and burn the village itself," she said.

"We knew that they had not caught our leader. We answered them, but not in the form of a letter. During the night we attacked the village, broke through to staff headquarters, where in addition to the officer there were also a number of soldiers. We killed the whole group with hand-grenades. We then captured the village."

"The Germans tried to drive us out with tanks. First they sent one tankette against us, but we destroyed it. They then sent two tankettes and a regular tank, but we did the same with them. We held the village until Red Army troops arrived."

SUPPLIED WITH FOOD

Lolya said the detachment lost only eight or nine people killed in all operations, but there were a number of wounded. There has not been a single case of frostbite, although they are often forced to sleep in the woods, she said. Every member of the Detachment has woolen underwear, sweater, cotton padded uniforms, a "shuda" (fur coat) and warm felt boots.

"Our food problem isn't serious because the local population keeps us supplied with meat, milk, butter and eggs," she added.

Lolya is in Moscow for only a few days. She came here to receive the Order of the Red Banner awarded her by the Military Council for the excellent fulfillment of orders. She will soon go back to join her detachment to continue to harass the fascists behind the lines.

She knows that many dangers lie ahead for her, many difficulties, many battles. But as we said goodbye to her and felt her firm warm handclasp and as we looked into her strong face and blue eyes we knew that she is strong enough to face them all. She herself may be small, but she is a vital part of the great fighting people who will not rest until the fascists are driven from their soil.

Soviet Girl's Heroism Radioed to Millions

By Sylvia Taylor

Hundreds of millions of people all over the world heard the story of Zoya Kosmodemyanskaya on the radio Saturday night when the "This Is War" program re-enacted the heroic death of this 18-year-old Soviet girl who fought the Nazis in a guerrilla detachment.

Sponsored by the U. S. Office of Facts and Figures, this series of broadcasts goes out every Saturday night at 7 over the four major networks to an estimated listening audience of 30 million in this country. The most recent program, the fifth to date, was dedicated to the United Nations, and followed upon other dramatizations devoted to such themes as the White House, the Army and the Navy.

Short-Waved Abroad And Rebroadcast

Each program is shortwaved to Britain, Canada, the Latin American countries and from these rebroadcast in a dozen different languages to all corners of the globe. Saturday night's broadcast was especially fitting for peoples abroad, for it not only explained to Americans here at home what our allies are doing in the common effort to crush the Axis fascists, but showed our allies too how deeply America appreciates their valorous struggle on the many fighting fronts.

The tribute to the United Nations opened with the sound of marching feet and then above that march solid rhythm rose the voices of a chorus singing one of the most stirring Red Army songs. Do you hear these voices, said the narrator, they are the army and the people of Soviet Russia. Why do we begin this tribute to our allies with the Soviet Union, he asked. Because it is the Russians who are fighting most valiantly and sacrificially against the common foe. Americans are not Communists, but Russia is not just an ideology, a theory, a word. It is 200 million brave people. People like Zoya Kosmodemyanskaya!

Zoya Portrayed As Typical Russian

And with that, the program re-enacted the whole story of the young guerrilla fighter who was captured by the Nazis during a raid, lashed 200 times and forced to walk barefoot in the snow all night. But she refused to betray the rest of her partisan unit. Brought to the gallows, she shouted her defiance to the Nazis before the assembled townspeople and died shouting "Victory!"

From the Soviet people the program turned to the British and their RAF, to the Dutch at Rotterdam and in the East Indies, to the Free French, the Norwegian saboteurs, the Yugoslav fighting in the hills, to all the peoples of Europe who are free in mind though the Nazis occupy their lands and torture their bodies.

It was a bold and fighting-mad program, and it did not spare the lash of scorn for the worms among us who have crawled out of the woodwork since Pearl Harbor to

News Notes For the Dial Twisters

By Eric Munx

The Nazis are trying in every way to prevent the United Nations from communicating with one another through shortwave. The latest in this long chain of nuisance tactics is reported by CBS. Columbia says that the Japanese are trying to interfere with CBS's Far Eastern correspondents' reports to America on the war in the Pacific. One instance of their interference was to constantly butt in on a CBS program with "Calling JAUZ, Callin. CQCCQ, calling CQCCQ."

Now this might ordinarily be the regular procedure of one shortwave station calling to another but the calls were interspersed with long beats, the telegraphed keys being held down for long periods of time. The brazenness and stupidity of such maneuvers merely reveals that the Axis is afraid that their own people are listening to American broadcasts and that the truth about the war is infiltrating into the Axis countries despite their censorship. Unmindful of the threats of death penalties and the like, the people of the Axis countries want to hear the news and shortwave is the best way, at the moment, for them to hear it. So Germany, Japan and Italy must resort to childish methods of interference to prevent their people from listening to foreign broadcasts. These interferences are at most annoying, but do not destroy the audibility of the broadcast. Their efforts are thus a sheer waste of time.

Just Wednesday-March 18 and Thursday-March 19 should be set aside on your radio calendars. On Wednesday at 10:15 P. M. Owen Latimore just recently returned from Chungking will be interviewed on behalf of United China Relief over WOR. On the same station on Thursday at 10:15 P. M. Wendell Willkie and Archibald MacLeish speak at a dinner given at Freedom House.

The Third Selective Service Draft Lottery will be aired by most stations on Tuesday March 17 from 6 until 8:10 P. M. James M. Landis, Head of the Office of Civilian Defense, answers some pertinent questions on Civilian Defense over WMCA on Thursday evening at 9:30.

News Commentators—Of the dozens of news commentators on the air today, or have we miscounted and underestimated the number of the crop, one of the most refreshing is breezy, drawing, Cal Tinney, heard twice weekly over WOR and the Mutual Broadcasting System, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 8 P. M. Cal has been on the air for a long time and in many roles but the one of news commentator has brought him into his own. Cal's newscasts seem to be particularly the man-to-man type of broadcast. It's as if you met Cal on the street in front of the cigar store and stopped to discuss the news of the day with him. None of your mawkish sentimentality, particularly evident in some of our more well-known commentators, and he's not too abstractly analytical. Tinney combines a lively critical attitude with a realistic approach to a discussion of daily happenings both on the war and civilian fronts. We should like to recommend your listening to Cal if you have not already done so.

'Moby Dick' Screened By Warner Studio

Robert Rossen has been assigned by Warner Bros. to write the screenplay for "Moby Dick" from the novel by Herman Melville. The picture has been placed on the studio's schedule for production later in the year.

THE JITTERS

Cary Grant and Priscilla Lane are standing not upon the order of their going, but going at once, in a scene from the film version of "Arsenic and Old Lace," soon to be shown in New York.

Red Army Parade In Stanley Film

The actual beginning of the vast Russian counter-offensive which still has the Nazis on the run is presented for the first time on American screens in "Answer from Red Square," currently at the Stanley Theatre.

Brazilians to See Confessions of Nazi Spy

"Confessions of a Nazi Spy," Warner Bros. film account of Nazi conspiracies, has been approved for showing in Brazil by Lourival Fontes, Chief of Press and Propaganda. A print of the picture has been in Rio de Janeiro awaiting approval for some time, and additional prints are now on their way.

Jack Benny Film For Warner Bros.

Jack Benny's first film for Warner Bros. will be "George Washington Slept Here," based on the Broadway comedy hit by George S. Kaufman and Moss Hart.

THE STAGE

JOHN YERGEN, 34th St. N.Y.C. Musical Play, Prices 40c, 50c, 60c, 75c, 1.00, 1.50, 2.00, 2.50, 3.00, 3.50, 4.00, 4.50, 5.00, 5.50, 6.00, 6.50, 7.00, 7.50, 8.00, 8.50, 9.00, 9.50, 10.00, 10.50, 11.00, 11.50, 12.00, 12.50, 13.00, 13.50, 14.00, 14.50, 15.00, 15.50, 16.00, 16.50, 17.00, 17.50, 18.00, 18.50, 19.00, 19.50, 20.00, 20.50, 21.00, 21.50, 22.00, 22.50, 23.00, 23.50, 24.00, 24.50, 25.00, 25.50, 26.00, 26.50, 27.00, 27.50, 28.00, 28.50, 29.00, 29.50, 30.00, 30.50, 31.00, 31.50, 32.00, 32.50, 33.00, 33.50, 34.00, 34.50, 35.00, 35.50, 36.00, 36.50, 37.00, 37.50, 38.00, 38.50, 39.00, 39.50, 40.00, 40.50, 41.00, 41.50, 42.00, 42.50, 43.00, 43.50, 44.00, 44.50, 45.00, 45.50, 46.00, 46.50, 47.00, 47.50, 48.00, 48.50, 49.00, 49.50, 50.00, 50.50, 51.00, 51.50, 52.00, 52.50, 53.00, 53.50, 54.00, 54.50, 55.00, 55.50, 56.00, 56.50, 57.00, 57.50, 58.00, 58.50, 59.00, 59.50, 60.00, 60.50, 61.00, 61.50, 62.00, 62.50, 63.00, 63.50, 64.00, 64.50, 65.00, 65.50, 66.00, 66.50, 67.00, 67.50, 68.00, 68.50, 69.00, 69.50, 70.00, 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Spring isn't very far off. Not if this lazy weather is any indication. And in the spring it is customary for a sports writer to size up the big league clubs and pick the winners in the pennant races soon to start.

But this isn't an ordinary spring. This time spring is spoken of synonymously with offensives of armies, of wars, of battles. . . . So mulling the thing over a bit, and combining the two here's what we get.

THE LOWDOWN ON THE TEAMS IN THE INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE:

TEAM: . . . UNITED STATES

Nickname, Yanks. . . Manager, Roosevelt. This team can be as strong as it wants to be. Has everything: speed, power, pitching and plenty of top-flight reserves. A young team but learning fast.

Has had some trouble with grand-stand managers who constantly heckle the manager, coaches and players. . . . These hecklers rumored to be opposition scouts. . . . Want team to play strictly defensive ball. . . . Contend falsely that pennant can be won only at home, refuse to support team when it goes on road, especially in the west.

But team has fine spirit, united behind manager. Knows it must beat German team for flag, although some phony writers in the Telegram, News and Chicago Tribune claim the Japanese outfit the only ones that must be knocked off.

But fans in nation-wide poll agree most serious threat comes from strong German team.

Yanks are strong and powerful but popular clean-up hitter from Kansas, Browder, still not in line-up. . . . Three million fans in all major league stadiums clamoring for his return. Would strengthen team 100 per cent.

TEAM: . . . SOVIET UNION

Nickname, Reds. . . Manager, Stalin.

Writers travelling with this team for years sent home phony stories, mostly this kind: "Good field, no hit."

Didn't have all its players in uniform during early part of game with German outfit so played defensive ball for a while. But soon reached full strength and started pushing Germans around. Won games at Rostov, Moscow, Tikhvin (night game), Kallinin and Moshalsk. . . . Then went on to cop terrific double header at Staraya Russa and Rastov.

Manager Stalin brilliant field general. . . . And coaches Timoshenko, Molotov and Voroshilov are hardened veterans who have been through light rays before.

Fans devoted to this team, cheer players, send 'em gifts. . . . Also very popular with fans throughout the rest of the circuit.

Have wonderful rookies coming up all the time. Big, strong, healthy kids. . . . Full of confidence, always yelling "HURRAH."

Has been playing at home for some time, but plans to make western trip to Germany soon to play Nazis on home grounds. . . . Fans there like 'em too.

This team has the goods, doesn't know the word quit, and proved it by coming from behind to give German team worst licking it has received since new manager took over.

Doug MacArthur, quite a ball player himself, calls them the greatest team in history.

Should get stronger as the race becomes hotter.

TEAM: . . . GREAT BRITAIN

Nickname, Tommies. . . Manager Churchill.

Picking up speed after very slow start. . . . For years were handicapped by humiliating, phony old manager Chamberlain. Under him team was strictly defensive, used to punt with bases full. . . . Last game after getting into line raised such an uproar Chamberlain and coaches were fired outright.

New manager Churchill promises to get sluggers in line-up who can win ball games. . . . Coach Cripps, just back from scouting big Red team in Russia reports defensive game on way out, must get sluggers on team fast in order to win.

Is now on way to farm team in India where the talent is terrific. These guys can powder the ball but have never been given real chance by British.

Fans in England crazy about Red team. . . . English papers carry Russian box scores on front pages. Mob news-reel houses to see Russian stars in action.

TEAM: . . . CHINA

Nickname. . . 400 Million. . . Manager Chiang Kai-shek.

Has big field, fences far away from home plate. . . . Visiting sluggers haven't been able to hit over the wall in ten years.

This team hasn't too much batting punch, but they are the classiest defensive players in the league. Famous for long games, they make the opposition wilt in extra-inning battles.

Has many wonderful reserves but so poor they can't put 'em all in uniform.

But will never lose because this team knows what the score is and is composed of veterans.

TEAM: . . . GERMANY

Nickname, Nazis. . . Manager, Hitler.

Most hated club in league. . . . Has to have police escort wherever they play. Lot of ex-cons in line-up, also drug addicts. Don't know the meaning of fair play. Use spikes, bean batlers, slug umpires and fans, tear up the rule books.

Manager reported to be a madman. Goes into hysterics every time team is scored upon. Shoos coaches after every tough battle. . . . Especially severe with the coaches who scouted the Russian team and came back with reports that the Reds were pushovers.

This team is strong, but not as strong as press agent Joe Goebbels tries to have the fans believe. . . . Got rave notices by "American" writers who travelled with team. . . . Especially Charlie Lindbergh and Charlie Coughlin.

Built up phony "invincibility" bunk by knocking over bush league clubs in Holland, Norway, Denmark, etc., many of whose players were farmed out by the Germans. . . . But had to go extra innings with tiny Greek outfit before winning.

When the team goes on the road, fans shower them with pop-bottles.

Expected to roll up big early inning score against Reds but were held to a couple of scratch singles and along about the seventh inning when the Reds began to powder the ball they started stalling and tried to have the game called off because of bad weather. . . . Were the laughing stock of the league after this.

In tough spot against Reds some time ago, Hitler pulled his clean-up hitter, Von Brauchitsch out of the game and went in himself as a pinch hitter. He struck out and the fans at home started a campaign to have him tossed out on his ear. . . .

This team has seen its best days. . . . Not so cocky any more, its reserves are very poor, and players are fighting between themselves. . . . But don't mistake it, they're still strong. . . . However, an All-star team of Americans, Russians and Tommies would knock them off in no time.

TEAM: . . . JAPAN

Nickname. . . Setting Sun. . . Manager, Hirohito.

Front runners. . . . Learned their game from Nazis, but will soon have it unlearned by All-Stars.

Got off to fast start in game with Yanks, but that was because American scouts (Kimmel and Short) poo-pooed their slugging "hunks. . . . When the heat is put on 'em they'll fold up. . . .

TEAM: . . . ITALY

Nickname, Blackshirts. . . Manager, Mussolini. . . .

Strictly bush league stuff. Players won't give out for phony manager who draws salary from German magnates.

Fans disgusted with set-up, want whole mess cleared up. Hasn't won a game since sneaking into the big time.

Whenever team travels to play Reds on their home grounds players break their contracts with Muss and sign up with Reds.

Mussolini is supposed to be manager, but takes orders from German coaches who stay in dugout during games.

TEAM: . . . FRANCE

Nickname, Vichy-lites. . . Manager, Petain. . . .

German farm team. This club has seen better days, and fans hope they will return soon.

Stars who won't play for Petain are shot and imprisoned.

Fans stay away in droves.

NEW YORK DAILY WORKER

NEW YORK, MONDAY, MARCH 16, 1942

MacMitchell Proves Himself Really Great Athlete in Defeat of Dodds

Gruelling Mile Duel Most Thrilling in Garden Track History

When slender, dark-haired Leslie MacMitchell enters the Army as he expects to very soon, the armed forces of our country will get a man molded in the very finest traditions of American life.

Although the 21-year-old boy wonder of NYU has none of the color of Glenn Cunningham, Jesse Owens, Gene Venzke and many other track greats who emblazoned their names on the record books forever, this modest, pleasant kid will be remembered as long as there will be track meets.

And there will be track meets for a long time.

If MacMitchell is seen walking through the corridors of NYU with a proud tilt to his head, nobody will accuse him of immodesty. It is just the satisfaction of a job well done. And a tremendously difficult job at that; but done with the perfectness and deftness of the master artist.

The 15,000 fans who mobbed the Garden Saturday night for the annual K. of C. meet, the climax event of the season, were there for one reason and one reason only. And that was to see the return match in the mile of MacMitchell and Gilbert Dodds, the bespectacled Boston Divinity student who learned to run via a correspondence course.

The story runs this way. Up until two weeks ago in the AAU meet, MacMitchell had run nineteen miles without defeat. Blooming out in full stature as a miler after a sensational career as a kid in high school MacMitchell, last year in the NYAC meet, tied the world-indoor record for the mile held jointly by Glenn Cunningham and Chuck Penke at 4 minutes 7.4 seconds and gave promise many times of doing the long awaited 4-minute mile.

Unpredictable Mr. Blozis!

A world's record loss by gargantuan Al Blozis of Georgetown, which will never find its way into the record books, was one of the unscheduled features of the K. of C. games at the Garden Saturday night.

Blozis won the event with a mark of 55 feet 9 1/2 inches and then was persuaded by a photographer to make another toss for the benefit of the camera.

Blozis responded in grand style. He sent the leather-covered ball beyond the white chalk line arch that marks 57 feet. The throw was of such homeric proportions that officials measured it and found it 57 feet 9 1/2 inches, the greatest shot ever achieved by man. Jack Terrance's world out-door record is 57 feet 1 inch.

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Henshaw, Benton (3), Newhouse (7) and Tebbets; Wynn, Zuber (4), Cathey (7) and Early.

Net Tournney: STARS WHO MAY SHINE

Here are the stars of the eight teams playing in the fifth annual National Invitation Tournament in Madison Square Garden which is the scene of the first round double-headers Tuesday and Thursday, March 17 and 19. They are leading candidates for the Most Valuable Player Trophy won in 1938 by Doc Shields of Temple, in 1939 by Bill Lloyd of St. John's, in 1940 by Bob Doll of Colorado and last year by Frankie Baumholtz of Ohio University. Will one of those listed below win this coveted award this year?

Creighton University — Ralph Langer, leading scorer who broke ten-year-old Missouri Valley Conference record with 31 points vs. Drake; Ed Belser, 6-7 center.

West Kentucky State — Buck Snyder, who tallied 303 points; Earl Shelton, who tallied 256, or Oran McKinney, center. All were chosen on All-Southern honor teams this season.

U. of Toledo — Bob Gerber, second leading scorer of the country with 467 points; co-captain Bart Quinn, second leading scorer who broke Philadelphia Convention Hall records with 12 field goals and 28 points against LaSalle; Frankie Clemons or Bobby Nady.

West Virginia U. — Captain Rudy Baric, who established a new scoring record for the University with 282 points and tied record with 25 in one game; Dick Kesling, 26 points; Scotty Hamilton, greatest all-around player in school history.

Long Island U. — Dick Holub, leading scorer in metropolitan district with new school record of 341 points; Captain Hank Beenders; Howie Rader.

City College — Bill Holzman, all-city metropolitan choice at forward for two years; Sonny Hertzberg or Claude Phillips.

West Texas State — Price Brookfield, leading scorer of the country with 507 points and 1,849 for four years; Jack Maddox, who has scored 381 points; Captain Frank Stockman, playmaker, or Charlie Halbert, 6-10 goal-tender.

Rhode Island State — Stuts Modzelewski, third leading scorer in country, broke Hank Lutet's four-year major college scoring mark of 1596 points with 1714, 454 of them this year; Bill Rutledge, co-holder of Garden regular season individual field goal record of 10 in one game and with 311 points; Earl Shannon, second leading scorer with 344.

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Mize Slugs, Giants Beat Dodgers 7-4

Ottmen Score First Victory Over Champs in Four Games as Hubbell Hurls and Johnny Hits; Camilli Hits Long Homer

MIAMI, Fla., March 15.—The New York Giants led by the slugging of first baseman Johnny Mize who rapped out three singles and a double, beat the Brooklyn Dodgers for the first time in four games this spring behind the hurling of Carl Hubbell and Cliff Melton, 7-4.

Teeling off early on starter Curt Davis the Giants piled up a 5-2 lead going into the seventh inning. In the third Mel Ott caught a 2 and 2 pitch and blasted it over the left field wall for a home run with none on.

The Dodgers scored their first run in the opening frame when Dolf Camilli got the first of three hits, a screaming triple that scored Reiser from first.

In the sixth with the Dodgers trailing 5-1, Dolf caught an outside ball and belted it 415 feet over the center field fence for the longest homer of the spring training season.

The Dodgers tried to make a game of it in the seventh when they tallied twice off Melton. Cliff Dapper, rookie catcher from Hollywood, opened with a single to left field. Johnny Allen who followed Davis to the mound in the sixth, struck out, and Pee Wee Reese lifted an easy infield fly for the second out. But then Arkie Vaughan rapped a single through the mound sending the speedy Dapper to third. Pete Reiser then made it three for three for himself by beating out a hit to third scoring Dapper and sending Vaughan to second. Camilli, with the count 2-1 caught a Melton curve on the handle and lifted a pop fly to short right field. Both Mel Ott and Connie Ryan failed to get the ball after a long run, as it dropped safely for a single, scoring Vaughan and making the score 5-4 Giants.

But Dapper ended the rally by forcing Camilli at second via a grounder to Ryan.

In their half of the inning, the Giants clinched their first win over the Dodgers by getting to Allen for two walks and three singles good for two runs and the ball game.

Werber opened by walking and stealing second. Ott walked and then Mize shot a line drive to center which scored Werber, and sent Ott to third. Hank Lieber hit a long fly to left field that scored Ott. Two more singles by Danning and Jurgens followed but Allen held the Giants without further tallies.

Medwick Hurt There was nothing wrong with Mize as the big boy brought fly to the Giants by his hitting and easy throwing around the first sack. . . . Mel Ott had a fine day for himself by getting a homer and two walks, as did Pete Reiser who got three hits. . . . Camilli totaled a

McAfee Enlists in Navy PORTSMOUTH, O., March 15.—One of professional football's outstanding backfield stars, George McAfee, of the Chicago Bears, enlisted with the Navy today. He will serve as a physical education instructor under Lieut. Comdr. Gene Tunney.

McAfee's performances with the champion Bears last season earned him a reputation as one of professional football's best triple-threat men. The outpunch star joined the Bears after starring at Duke University.

Joe Holds Abe in High Esteem and Says He Looks Forward to Another Hard Fight from the New York Giant

FORT DIPX, N. J., March 14.—Joe Louis is not holding Abe Simon cheap. The champion has respect for the ability of the giant Long Islander and, honest as he always is in all statements, declares that he looks

For Joe is an apt pupil. Blunt is high on Joe who is rounding into form slowly but surely. "Can't make a mistake with that man or something will happen to you," he says. "He feints and knows what it is all about. He digs in your ribs with those jolts and when he shoots that little short uppercut you think he busted the hinges in the back of your head. He's the hardest man I ever faced and when he gets right Lord help the poor Abe Simon."

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